Stricklin was last seen at about midnight on January 29, 1992. He, his sister and a female friend drank at a Yazoo, Mississippi bar, Charlie's Lounge, and then the women dropped Stricklin off at Manasco's Auto & Heavy Equipment Body Works, where he was working on a truck. He has never been heard from again. He was driving his brown 1979 Chevrolet long wheel base pickup truck with Louisiana license plates numbered T809798 (the plates would have expired in 1994) and a missing rear window. The vehicle has not been recovered.

Authorities searched the Yazoo River several times after Stricklin's disappearance and once found his tool box, which contained a screwdriver and electrical tools. No other evidence was located, however. Stricklin was employed as a car salesman and electrician at the time of his disappearance. His family believes he met with foul play, but little evidence is available in his case.