

Regina police confirm remains are those of missing Patrick Thauberger

Patrick Thauberger, originally of Regina but then of St. Albert, Alta., disappeared in 1997 after a visit to his home town.

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Dr. Patrick Cyril Thauberger (courtesy of Thauberger family) jpg

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Regina police have now officially confirmed the remains discovered in a 23-year-old missing persons case are those of Patrick Cyril Thauberger.

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His brother, 78-year-old Joseph George Thauberger, was charged late last year with first-degree murder, offering an indignity to a body, and uttering threats. Those charges are currently before the court.

The remains of what were suspected to be Patrick were discovered in a rural area on Dec. 3. “This was a major step forward in an historic missing persons investigation,” the Regina Police Service (RPS) stated in a release issued Friday.

Patrick was last seen by family on Sept. 3, 1997 and was reported missing later that month.

“Now, after further investigation and forensic examination, the human remains have been confirmed as then-53-year-old Patrick Cyril Thauberger,” the RPS stated.

According to previously released information, Patrick passed through Regina while taking two cars to auction in the United States. He visited with family, and Joseph reportedly said he dropped Patrick off at the bus depot on Sept. 3, following his return from the U.S.

Patrick, a clinical psychologist, lived in St. Albert, Alta., and was to return there. He never got on the bus.

Police said last year that “comprehensive investigative efforts occurred throughout the past 23 years” in the search for answers.

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