

NRW: man murdered 23 years ago! Now his identity is clear, but who is behind the crime?

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On December 8th, a man was naked on the slope of the Kuhle near Rheurdt-Schaephuysen (**NRW**) found. For 23 years the Krefeld homicide squad “Sandkuhle” searched for the answer.

Your persistence has paid off. Now it is clear: the dead person is Wilfried Kalitz. He was born in 1953 and last lived at Fronhofstraße 6 in Würselen (**NRW**).

The investigators got on the track after it was broadcast again on “AktENZEICHEN XY” in August 2019. At that time, experts from the State Criminal Police Office had made new assembly pictures of the deceased based on the available corpse photos. After the broadcast, over 50 reports were received. A tip from the Aachen area turned out to be a direct hit. The then 43-year-old man lived near Würselen near Aachen and disappeared in 1996. The investigation revealed that the man had never been reported missing. To date, he has not been pronounced dead.

Family assumed that murder victims fled abroad

The police were able to identify several brothers, a sister, a divorced wife and a daughter and a son of the man. They confirmed that he disappeared in 1996 and never got in touch.

The DNA samples of the relatives were compared with that of the unknown dead person: The result is reliable proof that the dead person is Wilfried Kalitz.

Wilfried Kalitz's parents have since passed away – without knowing why their son disappeared.

According to the police, he was not suicidal in 1996, nor was there any evidence of a crime. The relatives believed at the time that he had fled abroad because of his debts. The police were only now able to tell the relatives why he had never contacted his parents or his children again.

The police now know: Wilfried Kalitz worked for many years as a bus driver for the Aachener Verkehrsbetriebe (ASEAG), most recently he was a dealer in mobile homes which he repaired.

The building where Wilfried Kalitz last lived was auctioned in 1997 and then used by a neighboring large bakery.