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Currie Cause of Death Unknown



Nathan Currie

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One mystery was solved on Thanksgiving when hunters discovered skeletal remains in West Charleston less than a mile from the home of Nathan Currie.

The discovery came two and half years after the 18 year old disappeared. His car had been found in a nearby cemetery; plates removed; keys in the ignition.

An autopsy confirmed that the remains were Currie's. But the autopsy could not determine how or why he died.

"I mean at this time it's undetermined. We don't have anything that specifically tells us what happened here," explained Capt. Ed Ledo, of the Vermont State Police.

Currie's family and friends suspect he was murdered by drug users he had been hanging around with.

Police will not publicly speculate about how Currie died, but until they know exactly what happened they must treat the death as a homicide investigation.

And police say this is one of those very rare cases where the cause and manner of death are a mystery.

"Between 30 and 40 a year probably statewide that will probably be listed as undetermined," Ledo said.

Police say they have already eliminated hundreds of potential suspects, followed dozens of false leads and rumors, and they may be getting closer to a solution.

"And a lot of times it comes down to getting the information from the folks who were last with that person," Ledo explained. "And a lot of times if it has anything to do with substance abuse a lot of people are very reluctant to come around on that because they don't want to... put themselves in a very awkward position with law enforcement."

Of those 30 or 40 mysterious deaths each year, police do eventually determine the cause and manner of death in most of them. If the autopsy and forensic information

don't tell the story, police usually find someone who knows what happened.

In the case of Nathan Currie police are still looking for that someone. They'd like to talk to anyone who knows what happened when Currie disappeared that July night in 2006.

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