

Case of missing Aurora man deemed murder as first charges are laid

The case of a missing man last seen in Aurora has now been determined as murder by York Regional Police after charges related to the case were laid.

Roman Perelstein was reported missing by his family on August 30, 2022. He was last seen "several weeks prior" in the area of Orchard Heights, according to Police.

"Before Perelstein had been reported missing, on August 21, 2022, human remains were located along a trail in the area of Sideline 20 and Concession Road 8 in the City of Pickering," said York Regional Police Constable Kevin Nebrija. "No identification could be made at the time, due to the conditions of the remains. In March 2025, through dental records, the remains were positively identified as Roman Perelstein. His death has been deemed a homicide.

"Following a lengthy investigation Suren Khizguiaev, 49, of Harwich Township, was charged on May 21, 2026, with Accessory After the Fact to Murder and Indignity to a Dead Body."

The charges have not been proven.

The investigation continues and anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Cold Case section at 1-866-876-5423 x6000, or email the Cold Case Section at coldcase@yrp.ca.

Tips can also be sent in anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or via www.1800222tips.com.

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

A 23-year-old Barrie man is facing multiple charges following a stolen vehicle investigation in Aurora.

"York Regional Police have recovered a stolen vehicle and charged a suspect after an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) alert in the Town of Aurora," said Constable Nebrija. "This incident underscores the growing role of technology in helping police detect crime and protect the community."

The vehicle in question, a Ford Edge, was reported stolen in Barrie on June 3, Police note.

"On Thursday, June 4, 2026, an officer on patrol in the area of Yonge Street and Elm Grove Avenue received an alert from the in-car ALPR system identifying a grey Ford Edge as being stolen. The officer continued to observe the vehicle while additional units and Air Support Unit moved in to assist. With the assistance of the YRP Air Support and Canine Units, the suspect was taken into custody at St. John's Sideroad and Industrial Parkway South."

23-year-old Kyvam Aghakhani Barfeh is charged with Theft of Motor Vehicle, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5,000, Dangerous Operation, two counts of Breach of Probation, and three counts of Operation of a Conveyance while Prohibited.

The accused was on probation and a prohibited driver at the time of the offence, say Police.

The charges have not been proven.