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Press Release

Man missing since 2009 Found in woods near home

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A Stoughton family's six-year wait for news of their brother and son has come to a sad conclusion in a secluded area not far from their home.

On Saturday, August 15, 2015, the Office of The Chief Medical Examiner positively identified remains found in the wooded area along Simpson Street in Stoughton as Ilya Lastovkin, born in Aug. 1987 and missing since 2009.

Mr. Lastovkin had lived on nearby Memorial Drive before going missing.

The available evidence, gathered at the scene and at autopsy, suggests that he died in that location, at the time of his disappearance, and that his death did not involve foul play.

On Thursday morning, August 13, a passerby walking along a dirt trail off Simpson Street came upon a bone that appeared concerning. Stoughton Police were contacted and the bone was transported to the OCME, where it was confirmed to be a human bone. A search for additional remains, utilizing a police dog trained for that purpose, was conducted during the day on Thursday but no additional remains were located at that time.

On Friday August 14, Stoughton Police, State Police Detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office, members of the State Police S.E.R.T Team and K-9 sections, Stoughton Fire and other personnel returned to the area of Simpson Road at 8 a.m. to continue searching the area. Mr. Lastovkin was located within two hours and identified the following day.