

Family of missing man hope to see police reports

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(Hartford-WTNH) _ A Waterbury family could learn more today about the police investigation into their son's disappearance. Billy Smolinski, 31, disappeared three and a half years ago.

At a [Freedom of Information Commission](#) hearing Today in Hartford, commissioners will vote whether to release documents related to the Smolinski case, a case that haunts the missing man's family to this day.

News Channel 8 sat down with the Smolinski's last week to talk about their son's case. Billy Smolinski was last seen in 2004. A billboard outside the city of Waterbury where he lived has been put up to generate interest in the case.

His parents say their son left behind his car keys, his wallet and his truck. They believe he was murdered.

A private investigator whom the family has worked with is the person who filed the Freedom of Information request. He wants Waterbury police department records surrounding the Smolinski case opened so he can see what leads were pursued and what leads were not pursued.

One of the hearing officers has already recommended the police documents be opened. The full commission will decide this afternoon.