

## **Police Continue Search For Missing Waterbury Man** ***Disappearance Similar To Another Case***

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**WATERBURY, Conn.** -- Police continue to search for a missing Waterbury man who disappeared in a manner similar to another Connecticut man.

Thomas Paternostro, 24, was last seen a week ago from Wednesday. His car was found parked with his keys and wallet inside.

Billy Smolinsk, 35, disappeared three and a half years ago. However, his keys and wallet were also found inside his parked vehicle.

Paternostro and Smolinsk are both described as family men who enjoyed working on cars.

Channel 3 Eyewitness News reporter Heather Hegedus reported that the Smolinsk family continues to post a billboard on Interstate 84 West appealing for help in the case of its missing son.

Janice Smolinski met with Paternostro's mother about other possible similarities between the two cases.

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## Police Search For Missing Man

### *Man Missing, Car Found*

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**WATERBURY, Conn.** -- The residents of Kendall Circle in Waterbury are searching for a 24-year-old missing man. Last Wednesday evening Thomas Paternostro drove off in his four-door tan Hyundai with plans to meet his parents later at home.

Thursday morning Paternostro's car was found in the driveway with no sign of the vehicle owner.

Paternostro, a Waterbury native, is described as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, 150 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Family and friends of the missing man have been gathering at the home of Paternostro, while Waterbury detectives have been driving around the neighborhood searching for leads. Police said Paternostro has no criminal history or medical problems.

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