

# Kevin Tokarchuk - Murder

Tuesday, May 12, 2003

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, at about 8:40 pm, 24-year-old Kevin Tokarchuk was found dead in the garage of his parent's home on Churchill Drive in Winnipeg. Kevin was a graduate of Red River College's Industrial Arts Teacher Education program and held a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba. It was determined that Kevin had been shot once in the head behind the right ear. The investigation determined that Kevin was last seen alive shortly after 8:05 pm that same night when he left his workplace, heading for home.

Based on the time it would take to drive from work, it is believed that Kevin would have arrived home at or near 8:25 pm. At or about 8:20 pm a neighbour, who was arriving home, observed a male standing at the rear of the Tokarchuk garage.

The male was described as possibly being 30-40 years old, thin build, darker hair wearing a white shirt and dark pants. The neighbour paid no further attention to this male and went inside their house.

At about 8:30 pm another neighbour reported seeing a male standing near the garage beside a multi-coloured Suzuki 1000 motorcycle. The male was in the process of putting his helmet on and tightening the strap. The neighbour assumed the male was Kevin. However, when the neighbour approached the male he started his motorcycle and sped off at a high rate of speed.

## Slaying called gang revenge *Killings exactly one year apart*

By Bruce Owen

THE brother of a man accused of killing a Hells Angels associate was shot to death Monday night as part of a planned gang retribution, police suspect.

The killing of 24-year-old Kevin Tokarchuk occurred precisely a year to the day of the slaying of Zig Zag Crew member Trevor Savoie.

And in a morbid twist, a group of men visited Savoie's grave in St. Boniface Cemetery on Monday evening as Tokarchuk was killed. They decorated Savoie's grave with a bottle of champagne and glasses.

Sgt. Terry Desmond of the Winnipeg police homicide unit said investigators were aware of the late-night "celebration" at the cemetery.

"I won't say how we're aware, but we know about it," Desmond said.

Tokarchuk, an aspiring teacher with a post-secondary education, was shot once in the head, almost to the hour that Savoie was shot on May 12, 2002.

Tokarchuk's older brother, Daniel, is charged with second-degree murder in Savoie's death and is in custody.

Police say Tokarchuk's death is a sign of how violent Winnipeg's underworld has become as groups like the Hells Angels fight each other to protect their drug turf and their reputations.



The male on the motorcycle was described as being 5' 8" (173cm) tall with a thin build and wearing dark clothing. In addition, the witness was positive as to the make and model of the motorcycle as it was clearly written on the side of the bike. It was identified as a Suzuki GSX-R1000.

Only nine (9) Suzuki GSX-R1000 motorcycles were registered in Manitoba at the time of the murder, several of them to gang members or their associates.

Kevin's brother, Daniel Tokarchuk, was in custody at the time awaiting trial for the murder of Trevor Savoie. Trevor Savoie, a gang member, was murdered in Winnipeg on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002, exactly one year earlier.

Based on the nature and date of the murder, it is believed the killing of Kevin Tokarchuk was in retaliation for the murder of Trevor Savoie.

Daniel Tokarchuk was convicted of murdering Trevor Savoie in December 2004. He died in Saskatchewan Penitentiary on June 7, 2017

The murder of Kevin Tokarchuk remains unsolved.