

# Victim in burned-out car identified

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## **Colville, Wash.**

One of two men found dead in a burned-out car in northern Stevens County was identified from dental records as Nicholas Dewayne Kaiser, 21, a transient who has lived in Western Washington.

King County Superior Court records show Kaiser pleaded guilty in November 1998 to possession of the illegal hallucinogenic drug psilocybin, which comes from mushrooms.

A story Tuesday incorrectly stated that San Diego resident Josh Schaefer, also 21, had been positively identified as one of the two men whose skeletal remains were found Sept. 24 in and around the burned car on a logging road 15 miles north of Colville. Authorities believe Schaefer is the other homicide victim, but genetic testing will be necessary to confirm that. Schaefer's common-law wife, Kimberly Kerpan, reported him missing when he failed to contact her after a planned visit to the Northport Barter Faire July 10 with Kaiser. She said she feared foul play because Kaiser's criminal associations.