

# Motive unknown in slay at eatery

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Suffolk police yesterday were still without a motive in the shooting death of the owner of a popular Hauppauge restaurant.

Patrick Zummo, 55, of Parkview Drive, Commack, owner of Ristorante Il Pozzo on Townline Road, was found shot in the head Sunday morning in his 1992 Cadillac in the restaurant parking lot.

"We don't know of any ties to organized crime by the victim," said Lt. John Gierasch of the Suffolk homicide squad. "However, we do know that his brother Anthony Zummo has ties to organized crime."

"We do not know the motive for the shooting. It may have been an aborted robbery attempt. Apparently Zummo was shot by someone standing outside the car."

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*Lt. John Gierasch of the Suffolk homicide squad*

Zummo had closed the restaurant early Sunday morning and had gone to his car in the parking lot.

## Wife finds the body

When his wife, Alice, discovered he had not returned home, she went to the restaurant at 9 a.m. Sunday morning and found the body.

Zummo opened Il Pozzo seven years ago. He retired from the New York City Fire Department 10 years ago with a disability after 16 years in the department.

Anthony Zummo allegedly has ties to the Bonanno crime family and allegedly has associated with Michael **Franzese**, a Colombo family capo.

Two years ago, Anthony Zummo was found guilty of gasoline bootlegging, which prosecutors charged was controlled by reputed mobsters.

## Popular in community

Patrick Zummo was well liked in the community and often donated time as well as his restaurant facilities to fund-raising projects.

In September 1988, his kitchen was turned over to students from the New York Institute of Technology's Culinary Arts Center for a special fund-raising dinner.

Gierasch said that although Zummo was shot in the head, "It was not a classic mob type of shooting."

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