

Beat: News

## It is confirmed that the body found in Astorga is the American Denise Thiem

### The pilgrim killed

Madrid, 25.09.2015, 17:27 Time

**USPA NEWS** - Forensic Science has confirmed through DNA testing that the corpse found half-buried on a farm near Astorga, in the province of Leon, northwestern Spain, on September 11 is the American pilgrim Denise Pikka Thiem.

Police have collated the DNA of the remains found with the family of the woman who disappeared last April 5 while doing the Camino of Santiago. Police searching the hands of the pilgrim for days, since its discovery and subsequent analysis, especially nails, could determine how she was killed and even the identity of the murderer. The body was found without hands, presumably to hinder identification.

As allegedly responsible for the death of Denise Thiem was arrested the owner of the farm in Astorga where the body was found. This man, Miguel Angel Munoz, was indicted himself for the crime, but said that the US pilgrim died after hitting his head after falling to the ground during a struggle. Police found in his house Denise Thiem DNA and blood traces. The alleged murderer neighbors called him a private person and claimed that even before he had bothered to pilgrims who passed his farm on the way to Santiago of Compostela.

Denise's disappearance became one of the most difficult cases to investigate by the Police, despite which the agents immediately suspected of Miguel Angel Munoz. After confirming that he had changed over a thousand dollars in a bank and check their strange behavior with other pilgrims, he was followed and arrested when officers suspected he planned his escape. In fact, he was arrested in Asturias, a province north of Leon, where he tried to hide mingling with groups of pilgrims to Santiago.

### Article online:

<https://www.uspa24.com/bericht-5492/it-is-confirmed-that-the-body-found-in-astorga-is-the-american-denise-thiem.html>

### Editorial office and responsibility:

V.i.S.d.P. & Sect. 6 MDSStV (German Interstate Media Services Agreement): Jose A. Martin

### Exemption from liability:

The publisher shall assume no liability for the accuracy or completeness of the published report and is merely providing space for the submission of and access to third-party content. Liability for the content of a report lies solely with the author of such report. Jose A. Martin

### Editorial program service of General News Agency:

United Press Association, Inc.  
3651 Lindell Road, Suite D168  
Las Vegas, NV 89103, USA  
(702) 943.0321 Local  
(702) 943.0233 Facsimile  
[info@unitedpressassociation.org](mailto:info@unitedpressassociation.org)  
[info@gna24.com](mailto:info@gna24.com)  
[www.gna24.com](http://www.gna24.com)