

Lawyer Who Wrote Soulmate Book Is Arrested in 1989 Slaying

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A California lawyer who wrote a book about finding your soulmate on the Internet has been arrested in a 20-year-old murder.

Eric Francis Fagan, 74, was arrested on suspicion of murdering Cathy Paternoster, the 32-year-old daughter of his girlfriend, according to the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune. Sheriff's police believe the motive was to allow the girlfriend to raise Paternoster's three children.

Fagan is also suspected of shooting Paternoster's companion, Carl Fuerst, who survived and ended up raising one of the children, his daughter, according to the Press-Enterprise. The other two girls were raised by another man, their father.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller told the publication that at the time of the slayings, **Fagan** was a suspect in a criminal investigation involving one of Paternoster's daughters. She did not elaborate.

The case will be submitted to the district attorney's office for a review of any charges to be filed.

Fagan, of Chula Vista, wrote the book *Cast Your Net: A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Your Soulmate* on the Internet. His law firm website says he represents the underdog, protecting clients from debt collectors and foreclosures.