

Background

RE: THE CABDRIVER WHO SHOT MARSHA

IN THE LATE 1970's, a black cabdriver shot Marsha P. Johnson in the back when she refused to give him a second go-round sexually. She fell screaming in the middle of the west side highway & was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital where surgery was performed and MOST of the bullet was extracted.

However, part of the bullet was too close to the spinal column to be safely removed and was left in Marsha's back. This bullet fragment caused her frequent intense pain for the rest of her life. It would act up in damp weather & also whenever Marsha made the mistake of carrying some object that was a bit too heavy like a bag of groceries. In fact, during the last few days she spent in Hoboken, Marsha complained of the pain she was having with her back & was unable to sleep because of it.

A few weeks ago, Marsha told several friends about being on the West Side Highway & going up to a yellow cab. As soon as she looked in, she realized that this was the driver who had shot her years ago. In terror, Marsha fled--running past the rear of the cab to make another shot difficult.

The fact that such predators prowl the West Side Highway & victimize transvestite prostitutes only underscores the possibility Marsha met with foul play --although the chance it was this same driver, although possible, is not probable.

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