

Omega 7 kills emigre who dealt with Castro

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The anti-Castro terrorist group known as Omega 7 has claimed responsibility for the murder of a Union City man who helped negotiate the first release of Cuban political prisoners. In an announcement made after the Sunday morning shooting in Union City, the group promised the murder of other "traitors."

Eulalio Jose Negrin, 38, was entering his car outside 711 10th St., at about 9:50 a.m. when he was shot five times — three times in the head and twice in

the side — apparently by someone in a passing car using an automatic weapon. His 13-year-old son, Richard, was sitting in the car when the attack took place. He was not injured.

Police responding to an anonymous call complaining of gunshots in the area found Negrin lying in the street. They broadcast an alarm for a silver-colored car with a red roof containing two men shortly after Negrin was gunned down.

Negrin was still alive but died before an ambulance from Riverside General Hospital in

Secaucus could complete the round trip. He was pronounced dead at 10:10 a.m. at the hospital. The FBI has joined local police in the investigation.

Although police would not speculate on a motive for the killing, it was well known in the Cuban community that Negrin was not liked for his work on the Committee of 75, the group that negotiated with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for the release of political prisoners held in Cuban jails.

In March of this year, the 4912 Park Ave., Weehawken, of-

fices of the Cuban Refugee Program which Negri directed, were bombed, along with the building occupied by Almacen El Espanol, at 36000 New York Ave., Union City, a pharmaceutical firm which shipped medicine to Cuba. Those incidents were also claimed by Omega 7 as their work.

At the time, the FBI said the bombings were in retaliation for the sentencing of three men — two from Union City — in connection with the bombing death of former Chilean

Defense Minister Orlando Letelier in Washington, D.C.

A \$20,000 reward was offered by the FBI for information leading to the arrest of Virgilio Pablo Paz, 26, of Union City, and Jose Dionisio Suarez, 39, of Elizabeth.

Following the bombing, Negrin talked candidly of the threats on his life. He said that he kept a loaded shotgun both in his offices and at his home and said he had received many late night death threats.

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Admitting he had talked to members of the Omega 7 organization in an effort to have them leave his refugee program alone, Negrin would not publicly name the members, saying only that the FBI knew the names.

While Negrin was a part of the group that successfully won the release of many Cuban political prisoners, he was branded a traitor by some in the community for meeting and dealing directly with Castro.

Negrin's refugee program assists those with relatives in Cuba in locating and contacting them and arranging for supplies to be shipped to them.

Following the bombings, Omega 7 representatives telephoned a statement to news service reporters.

"Similar actions will continue," the statement said, "until we shut down this source of revenue to Castro and his servants in the United States who persist in trying to confuse the Cuban people with false promises of reunification, reunification without dignity, ignoring thousands of Cuban patriots killed or incarcerated by Castro."

Yesterday a person saying he was a member of Omega 7 called reporters and said the group "is responsible for the execution of Jose Negrin. We will continue with these executions until we have eliminated all of the traitors living in this country."

Negrin arrived in Union City about five years ago from Elizabeth where he had been politically active.



Eulalio Jose Negrin
Shot five times