

Cuban emigre shot to death in Union City

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A Cuban exile who negotiated for release of political prisoners in Cuba, and whose refugee agency in Weehawken was bombed by anti-Castro extremists in March, was shot to death on a Union City street yesterday.

Later, calls to the Associated Press and United Press International claimed that the anti-Castro terrorist group Omega 7 was responsible "for the execution" of Eulalio J. Negrin.

"We will continue with these executions until we have eliminated all of the traitors living in this country," a man with a Spanish accent told the AP.

Negrin, 37, of Union City, was shot three times in the head and twice in the chest with a semi-automatic weapon fired about 9:50 a.m. from a passing car as he was about to enter his own car, which was parked in front of 711 10th St., police said.

Negrin's 13-year-old son, Richard, was sitting in the parked car as his father was gunned down. The boy was not harmed, according to police.

Witnesses said one or two men, possibly wearing ski masks, shot Negrin from the car as it passed him.

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Told of the shooting by an anonymous caller, police rushed to the scene and found Negrin lying in the street next to his car.

He was still alive when police arrived but died en route to Riverside General Hospital in Secaucus.

Negrin was a member of the Com-



Eulalio J. Negrin
Aided prisoners

mittee of 75, a group that late last year went to Cuba and held talks with Cuban government officials for the release of political prisoners held there. He was the second member of the Committee of 75 to be killed this year.

Committee member Carlos Munos, a travel agent, was shot to death in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May while he was arranging a trip to Cuba.

Last March 26 the New Jersey Cuban Refugee Program, headed by Negrin and then headquartered in a small

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Two members of Omega 7, also known as the Cuban Nationalist Movement, Vigilio Paz Remero, 27, of Union City, and Jose Dionisio Suarez, 39, of Elizabeth, were named by the FBI as "prime suspects" in the two March bombings.

Paz and Suarez, who have dropped out of sight and are reportedly still at large, are also wanted in connection with the 1976 car-bomb murders of former Chilean ambassador Orlando Letelier and an aide, Roni Moffitt, a former Passaic resident.

The killings allegedly were carried out by members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement on behalf of Chilean secret police in retaliation for Letelier's opposition to the right wing Chilean government. The government overthrew Marxist Chilean President Salvador Allende, and Letelier was a high official in the Allende government.

Three other members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement, all from Hudson County, were convicted of the Letelier murders and are serving sentences ranging from five years to life in federal prison.

Asked if Paz and Suarez are suspects in the Negrin murder, Union City Police Lt. Frank Mona replied, "At this point I'd have to say no."

Union City police were joined in their investigation of the Negrin murder by the FBI and Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

Negrin, whose last known address was listed as 3804 New York Ave., Union City, had said previously his life had been threatened many times for his alleged pro-Castro activities.

Negrin, in an interview with The Star-Ledger in March, said the New Jersey Cuban Refugee Program had helped hundreds of Cubans immigrate from Cuba since he founded the organization in 1978.

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office at 4912 Park Ave., Weehawken, was bombed. Negrin said the program helped Cubans immigrating to the United States.

Omega 7 called the Associated Press shortly after that bombing, and another bombing the same day at the El Almacén en Español pharmacy in Union City, claiming responsibility for both explosions. No one was injured. The pharmacy shipped medicine to Cuba.

The Omega 7 caller said the bombings were the start of an offensive against organizations considered sympathetic to the Communist regime of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.