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MURDER # 2

Body In Drag Dredged From Hudson

The Harbor Unit discovered the body of a young man partially clad in women's clothing floating in the Hudson River near W. 34th St. Tuesday afternoon, said 10th Precinct police.

According to police, the man was wearing high-heels and a wig when his body was discovered, but no identification was found. Police said that the time and cause of death were unknown.

Mystery surrounds new pier death

Atsuko Mori, a 22-year-old Japanese woman studying English in Manhattan, last Friday took her friend's dalmatian for a walk. Like many people, she walked along the West Side waterfront. But they never finished the walk. There are still no official witnesses, but police say they believe the dog dived over the traffic barriers at the water's edge. Mori, police believe, dived in after the dog to retrieve it.

Police, and then divers, arrived and Mori was still alive when she was rescued. But she died soon after at St. Vincent's Hospital. The Medical Examiner's report, released yesterday, says the cause was accidental drowning.

And now, on the parking lot beside the piers, as has happened before, mourners cluster, this time around an altar made of candles, bouquets and offerings on broken pilings.

"She was [a] very kind person," said Yasue Otsuki, a friend of Mori, after placing some food she said Mori liked on the altar.

Despite the official report, some people are still trying to figure out what happened.

"She was a good swimmer," said Marion Butler, the director of the Cambridge Schools, where Mori was studying. "The family could not understand how this happened."

Mori's parents who arrived from Japan, Butler said, have confirmed that she swam well. Mori, police said, may have slipped or jumped in after the dog, but they say there is no evidence that anything else happened.

"The water was 38 degrees," an officer for the harbor police said.

According to the harbor police, there are dozens of deaths "in the water" every year in New York City, and many people are pulled

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GIVEN THESE FACTS, IF YOU HAVE ANY LINGERING DOUBTS, JUST TAKE A STROLL DOWN BY THE RIVER IN WEST VILLAGE. REMEMBER WHEN EVERYONE COULD DO SO???

Mystery surrounds pier death

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from the water at the West Side piers. Most deaths are due to hypothermia, according to police. After a few minutes, the cold water begins to lower body temperature, people grow weak and slowly the system shuts down.

"A lot of times there are suicides there," Sgt. Edelle James, a police department spokesperson, said of other cases. "They just jump in."

One harbor police officer, who asked not to be identified, said: "If there was a fence, it'd make our job a lot easier."

So far there are no witnesses to what happened. At least one person, apparently, heard Mori once she fell in the water. They shouted for help at around 6:25 P.M. Officers Christopher DelSante and Patricia Palmer, mounted police at the time nearby in a car, responded minutes later. According to police, they put the alert over the radio, reaching 911, the harbor police and fire department by 6:34 P.M.

Police were on the scene first and got people walking dogs to provide their leashes to form a cord. But apparently, Mori was unable to hold on or tried to swim unaided.

"In the best possible world, maybe there could be life preservers here. But how long you think they would last?" another officer said.

The piers and the parking lots next to them belong to the State Department of Transportation. The State D.O.T. bought it for Westway, the highway that never got past the drawing board. Plans are now underway to build Route 7A there, but it is expected to be a decade before that is completed.

"They [the State DOT] have been consistent in repairing the fences and the barrier," said Ben Green, executive director of the Federation to Preserve the Greenwich Village Waterfront. "As far as maintaining security, I think they have done a good job. Local people have historically tried to get to the water any way they can."

But the fences are repeatedly broken and, as spring arrives, the crowds are beginning to grow bigger. And, as people walked along the waterfront, some talking of safety and others taking in the sun, the memorial for Mori also grew, with pickled plums and bouquets of flowers.

"She came to study movies," said Junko Henmi, another friend. "First, English."

According to Mori's application to the Cambridge Schools, she was interested in art and had studied art in Japan. She came to New York early last year, studied at the Center for English Study and then transferred to Cambridge Schools on 43rd St. She lived most recently at the Martha Washington Hotel in Gramercy Park.

After Mori's death, the owner of the dalmatian claimed the dog from the police station. Mori's parents arrived in New York with her younger sister. The Japanese Consulate organized funeral services, which were held yesterday evening at Walsh and Cassese Funeral Home on Jamaica Ave. in Queens.

Mori's parents visited the piers, where people climbed over the traffic barrier to lay the objects on the makeshift altar.

HUDSON RIVER KILLERS CONTINUE THEIR RAMPAGE !!

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EYEWITNESS TO ... PED MUGGINGS & PROBABLE MURDER!

CRIME STATISTICS FALL VICTIM TO PUBLIC RELATIONS PLOY OF CLASSIFYING SUSPICIOUS DEATHS AS "SUICIDES" OR "ACCIDENTAL DROWINGS."

ATSUKO MORI: CASE IN POINT--MYSTERIOUSLY ENDS UP IN RIVER IN SAME AREA THAT BENNY TONEY REPORTED SEEING A GANG CONSISTING OF THREE TALL THIN BLACK MALES & A SHORTER, POSSIBLY HISPANIC, MALE WITH A "FADE" HAIRCUT REPEATEDLY MUG GAY MALES OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS & WHO WERE SEEN HARASSING MARSHA P.JOHNSON A FEW FEET FROM SPOT HER BODY CAME UP FROM BOTTOM OF RIVER. SECOND WITNESS, LEE PITTS, MAKES DEPOSITION THAT SUCH A MALE, NICKNAMED "SILVER" MADE JAILHOUSE CONFESSION OF BEING WITH GROUP WHO KILLED MARSHA. PITTS DEPOSITION IS TREATED APPROPRIATELY. HE'S SHOWN PHOTOS OF ALL "SILVERS" CURRENTLY IN NYC PENAL SYSTEM. FINALLY, HE STOPS COOPER--ATING SAYING HE "FEARS FOR HIS LIFE." STILL, POLICE REFUSE TO SHOW FIRST WITNESS PHOTOS. AND MS. MORI?? HARASSED INTO THE RIVER, JUMPING TO ESCAPE RAPE AND/OR PHYSICAL HARM? WOULD ANYONE RISK THEIR LIFE TO SAVE A FRIEND'S DOG? ISN'T "DROWNING OF UNKNOWN CAUSE" THE REAL TRUTH? DON'T A SERIES OF "DROWNINGS OF UNKNOWN CAUSE" INDICATE CONTINUING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, POSSIBLY A SERIAL KILLER/S AT LARGE? WOULDN'T GETTING THE GANG BENNY TONEY SAW MUGGING, POSSIBLY MURDERING, OFF THE STREETS MAKE ANOTHER "DROWNING OF UNKNOWN CAUSE" LESS LIKELY???

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