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PRESS RELEASE

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a/k/a The Phoenix

Thank you for reviewing this programming idea concerning "Road Rage."

The term "road rage," has become a popular way to describe the violence some motorists resort to when angered by the sometimes feverish pressures of driving in today's hectic rush of urban traffic jams and being stalled on overcrowded freeways.

On an early Wednesday morning in Utah recently—a close friend and I became directly involved in one of America's most tragic examples of random roadside violence. In fact, it was this particular horrifying incident which inspired the widespread media use of the term "road rage."

The sun had not yet risen on the morning of May 21, 1997, when Cory Karpakis and I were traveling in his pick up truck through the still-darkened streets of Salt Lake City. Cory was driving. With me as his passenger, he turned on to the northbound on-ramp of I-15, a major thoroughfare which slices through the city. The freeway ramp is actually located in the City of Murray, a Salt Lake City bedroom community.

As the truck approached the end of the ramp, we noticed that just ahead two vehicles had stopped in the middle freeway. A brown car and a yellowish or cream-colored car had stopped in the road. Suspecting an accident, Cory momentarily pulled up and stopped his truck beside the parked vehicles to see if we could be of some assistance. But we were soon to painfully learn, in ways we could never have predicted, that being a "Good Samaritan" is a tough and thankless job.

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As it pulled to a stop, the truck's headlights spotlighted a grisly scene for us to witness. In the eerie yellow haze of the headlights, we saw a man seated on the driver's side of the brown vehicle. There was a splash of red staining his drooping head as he slumped in his seat. In an instant, Cory saw that the man was dead. Standing along side the brown car was a man. He held some sort of hand gun. Quickly, Cory put the truck in gear and sped away.

As we sped from the scene, someone in the cream-colored car immediately gave chase, firing gun shots as they sped along behind us. It was a short but harrowing chase that ended when we sped to the nearest off-ramp. The assailant fled on the interstate and did not continue to follow us. Later we discovered several bullets imbedded in the truck's body.

Even though it was the "Good Samaritan" instinct that caused Cory to pull up beside the two cars and caused us to be chased and shot at--we still felt obligated to be "Good Samaritans" again and to report to the authorities the incredible scene we'd just encountered. Our early morning nightmare was far from over.

Cory found a convenience store that was open and he used the store's telephone to call the police. We were approximately two miles from the I-15 on-ramp where the chase had begun. The 911 operator grilled Cory for at least five minutes before dispatching an investigating unit. We were told to stay where we were telephoning from; we were told not to return to the scene of the crime we'd stumbled upon. We waited nearly 20 minutes before the officers arrived.

All the time we were waiting for the police to arrive, we were shaking in fear for our lives. We tried to reconstruct what we'd just been through. Cory and I speculated that we might have unwittingly stumbled upon the aftermath of a gang slaying a drive-by shooting or something. As we waited outside the convenience store, in full view passing motorists, we feared that the person or persons who'd chased us and shot at us were still scouring the area, looking for us to eliminate us as possible witnesses.

Finally, officers from the Utah Highway Patrol arrived. They questioned us as if we had some involvement. They detained us, while other officers investigated the scene at the I-15 on-ramp, where Cory had witnessed the dead man in the driver's seat.

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Later, news reports would reveal what had actually happened. When we stopped to see if we could assist with what we thought was a motorist in need of help, Cory and I had accidentally interrupted Jose Garcia Maramontes only seconds after he had shot to death Lee Parker, a postal worker. Police and media reports have subsequently confirmed that Parker and Maramontes did not know each other. Parker was on his way to work at a Salt Lake City Post Office when Maramontes apparently objected to something that Parker did while driving his vehicle. According to reports, Maramontes used his vehicle to force Parker to stop on the freeway. Maramontes left his vehicle and walked over to where Parker's vehicle was stopped and shot the man as he sat behind the wheel.

Lee Parker, who family, friends and associates described as "the nicest man in the world," had become a victim of "road rage." He was killed by a total stranger, a man he'd never met before; a man who became so crazed with anger over what he thought was Parker's lack of driving etiquette that he could not contain the urge to kill. The story made national headlines and inspired many lengthy editorials about highway violence and its affect on urban commuting.

But that dark, damp morning--the morning Lee Parker was shot to death--became a crazy-quilt of fear and anger for me, also. Before the highway patrol knew all the facts connecting Parker's death and my friend Cory's 911 call for help, police officers treated us as if we were murderers. At first we were questioned and made to stay for well over an hour at the convenience store where we fled after being chased.

While we were waiting, Maramontes, the man the police were looking for in connection with the freeway shooting, had abandoned his original vehicle and stole an automobile and was leading highway patrol officers on a high-speed chase through South Salt Lake City. But police continued to treat us as suspects. At one point we were handcuffed and taken to the location where Maramontes had abandoned his first vehicle. We remained handcuffed, for hours, in full view of passersby, store owners and workers. We had not been charged with anything. In fact, all we'd intended to do was offer help by providing information, but we were being treated as public enemies.

As a former paralegal, I found the highway patrol's actions toward us quite unprofessional and legally questionable. We were detained, manacled, transported to another location, grilled with questions, treated as criminals, and publicly embarrassed as we were paraded around in handcuffs. As the sun rose over the Salt Lake City skyline that day, I did not know if the act of being a "Good Samaritan," was going to be the cause of me being charged in connection with a homicide. It was a breathless and uncertain time; a time of fear and loathing. The fear stemmed from the potential of being wrongly accused of a vicious crime. The loathing was caused by my anger at police attitudes toward me for volunteering to come forward with information.

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The highway patrol officers treated Cory and me with grim disdain and utter contempt. For our part, we know the police have a difficult job to do. However, never before had I encountered the kind of offending belligerence of the *us-versus-them* attitude that the police showed that morning. Eventually, we were taken to the Murray Police Department, where we gave our depositions and were released, some seven hours after our 911 call. These and other facts reveal a grotesque human tragedy about being a "Good Samaritan," in an age of insensitivity, indifference and universal suspicion.

In light of the fact that Salt Lake City is scheduled to host the 2002 Winter Olympic games, local and state police authorities seem especially insensitive when dealing with the public and totally unprepared to cope with the demands of an international audience, composed of peoples of all nationalities, customs, and cultural backgrounds.

I am writing to you to inquire about having this story presented as a slice-of-reality feature. There is more to this story than what is represented here. I can provide you with information that explores the dark psyche of Lee Parker's assailant, Jose Garcia Maramontes and speaks to the indignities two ordinary citizens suffered at the hands of police authorities. Please be so kind as to advise me if your publication is interested pursuing this timely story of "road rage." I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Mauney

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Notice of Reward

The United States Postal Inspection Service offers a reward of up to the amounts shown for information and services leading to the arrest and conviction of any person for the following offenses:

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Mailing or causing to be mailed any threatening communications, actual or simulated weapons of mass destruction, dangerous chemicals, or biological materials, that may kill or injure another, or injure the mail or other property.

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Forcibly assaulting any officer or employee of the Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties.

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Biking Utahn pursues a quirky D.C. protest

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has spent
the past
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pedaling a
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around the
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Fred Mauney walks his bike in Washington, where the Utah vagabond is chasing his latest quest: reward money. (Christopher Smith/The Salt Lake Tribune)

foot flag that is purposefully hung upside down, trying to draw the attention of Uncle Sam — or any passers-by, for that matter — to his latest cause.

A rapid-talking character whose background is as colorful as it is hard to pin down, Mauney is no stranger to impromptu soap-boxing. During his off-and-on tenure in Salt Lake City, he rode a bike from Utah to the nation's capital to demonstrate against various national policies, he

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was an outspoken critic of airport security measures at City Council meetings, he paraded around the Sundance Film Festival in Park City one year with a sandwich board that read "I've got the stories, talk to me!"

Now Mauney is protesting the U.S. Postal Service's denial of his claim to a \$100,000 reward he says he is due for aiding in the identification of a man later convicted of murdering a Sandy postal worker on Interstate 15 in 1997.

"I'm standing up for the American people and standing up for postal workers," the homeless handyman and paralegal says during a break in his pedaling circuit, meant to tie into the U.S. Postal Service's sponsorship of a cycling team in the Tour de France. "They spend \$30 million a year on a bicycle team in Europe, but they won't give me what I deserve."

Mauney was a passenger in a pickup truck that came upon the early morning crime scene where 24-year-old Jose Garcia-Miramontes gunned down Lee Wayne Parker in a fit of drug-induced road rage six years ago in May. Garcia-Miramontes gave chase and fired at the vehicle Mauney was in before spinning out in the median, stealing a car and fleeing.

Based on witness descriptions provided by Mauney and others, and the abandoned auto, police arrested Garcia-Miramontes and in 1998 he was sentenced to at least 45 years in prison in 1998.

The U.S. Postal Service has a standard \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an unlawful killer of a postal employee "while engaged in or on account of the performance of their official duties."

Mauney applied for the reward after Garcia-Miramontes conviction, but in 1999 the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector denied the claim, determining that Parker was "not officially employed when murdered." Parker was in his personal vehicle on his way to work when he was killed.

Mauney subsequently sued the Postal Service in federal court over the denial, but his case was dismissed. A self-described good Samaritan, Mauney bristles at any suggestion that his demand for a reward may be viewed as selfish.

"Anybody that's against me getting this reward is selfish themselves, because they wouldn't have pulled up and tried to help," he says. "They're saying a post office employee's

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life isn't worth a plug nickel. They ought to just take those reward notices off the wall."

It's not necessarily a cause that resonates up and down the National Mall, where hundreds of yellow-shirted Falun Gong protesters kneel in formation and a menagerie of panhandlers, Lyndon LaRouche pamphleteers and street preachers provide a daily display of America's First Amendment freedoms. And when the occasional tour group member informs Mauney that his flag is upside down, he is glad to explain the reason, pulling out documents, laminated newspaper articles, even a screenplay pitch.

After all, he has the stories.

"I was just telling the guards here at the Capitol, if they can do this to a postal worker, what about the reward if one of them gets killed?" said Mauney. "Once people know the facts of this case, they usually agree with me."

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Highway Patrol officers cover the car in which postal worker Lee Parker was fatally shot on the 7200 South onramp that feeds into I-15.

Driver shot to death on I-15 onramp

*Rooting may be linked
later car-theft incident.
Arrest made after chase.*

Cala Byram
Deseret News staff writer

MIDVALE — Lee Parker left his sleeping wife, grabbed his work lunch and left for work before the sun rose Wednesday morning.

Less than five miles from his Midvale home he was shot to death in his own car on a freeway onramp.

The Salt Lake postal worker and father of five was shot three times in his stationary vehicle at the end of the 7200 South onramp that feeds the I-15 northbound lanes.

Investigators said as many as seven shots were fired at Parker, and he was hit at least three times. Police believe the shooter was standing in the roadway when he fired through the driver's side window.

The interstate was closed to

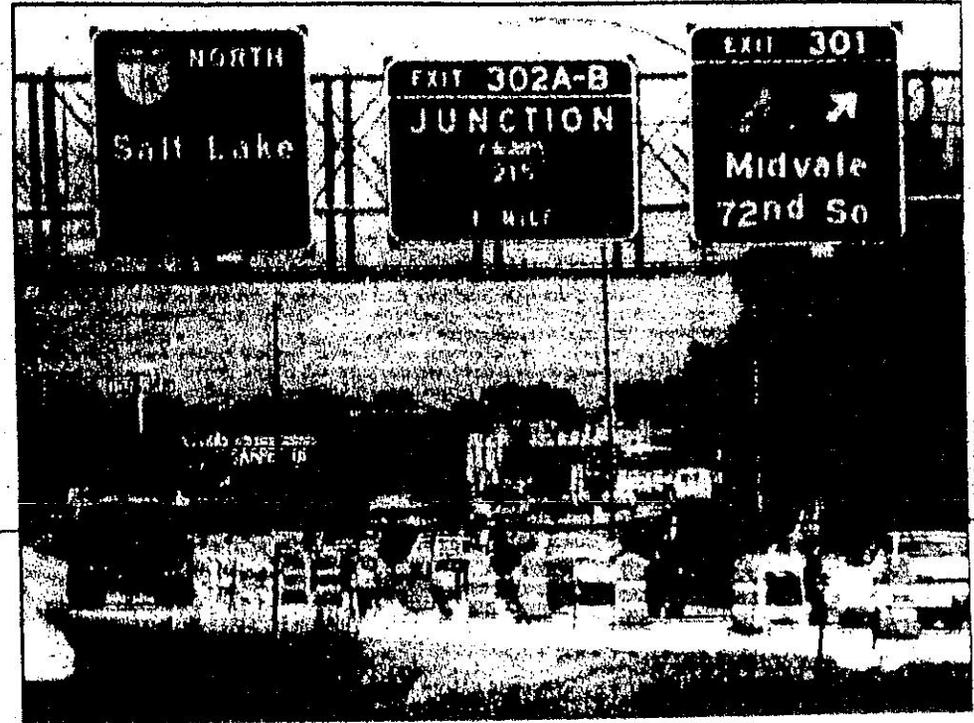
northbound traffic from shortly after the shooting until 9:15 a.m. Cars were told to use I-215 or to exit the freeway at 9000 or 10600 South.

Though they're not sure why Parker was killed, police are investigating the possibility that his death is related to a high-speed chase involving a car stolen from a Murray home shortly after Parker was shot to death.

The car was stolen just after 4:30 a.m. as it idled in the driveway of a house near 4300 South and 170 East. The owner notified Murray police, and they alerted other police agencies across the state that the gray Cadillac was stolen.

A Utah Highway Patrol trooper located the stolen car near Fillmore about 8:30 a.m. and tried to pull it over, according to UHP Lt. Verdi White II.

The man driving the car refused to stop and led troopers on a lengthy and dangerous high-speed chase. Even after officers used metal spikes to deflate the tires of the stolen car, the driver continued to race south on the



Commuter traffic is funneled off I-15. After the shooting, the interstate was closed to northbound traffic until 9:15 a.m.

freeway.

He was finally captured when he stopped and ran into a field adjacent to the freeway. Troopers ran after him, tackled him and then fought with him, White said.

The man, whose identity hasn't been released, was finally taken into custody.

The car the man was driving was stolen within walking dis-

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I-15 troopers

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tance of an abandoned car police say matches the description of the car driven by the person suspected of shooting Parker.

Murray Police Sgt. Terry Steed said a gun was found in the abandoned car.

It's unclear why Parker was killed, but it appears his car was stopped in the traffic lane of the onramp when the shooter fired from close range, police said.

"We believe the shooter was out of the car and shot through the driver's window," White said.

"This was a very close quarters shooting."

White said there was little traffic at the time of the killing, but police did find several witnesses who are being interviewed.

Shortly after the shooting, an apartment at 4400 S. Fairbourne Ave. (170 East) was broken into, and then minutes later the Cadillac was stolen while it idled in a nearby driveway.

Parker's friends and family gathered at his home Wednesday morning. One friend said the family was too shocked to speak to the media. She described Parker as "the most wonderful man."

In addition to his five children, he and his wife have two grandsons and are expecting three other grandchildren this July.

"He didn't have an enemy," the woman said. "He was a wonderful father, a wonderful husband and active in his church."

Road Killing Provides Few Clues as to Why

Suspect Arrested In Millard County

BY VINCE HORIUCHI and TOM ZOELLNER
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A 20-year-old suspected gang member was arrested Wednesday in connection with the early-morning murder of a motorist on Interstate 15 in Midvale.

Lee Wayne Parker, a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service in Salt Lake City, was shot to death about 4:30 a.m. after inexplicably stopping his Buick sedan on the 7200 South onramp.

Utah Highway Patrol troopers say a gunman jumped out of a Chevrolet Beretta and fired seven times through Parker's window. The 49-year-old father of five, who worked the early-morning shift so he could spend afternoons with his family, died at the scene.

The killer fled northbound and fired a shot at another vehicle whose occupant he believed was a witness. Midvale Police Chief Gerald Maughn said. The gunman abandoned the Beretta at the parking lot of an apartment complex at 4490 S. Fairbourne Ave. (195 East), leaving the murder weapon inside. Murray police Sgt. Gerry Christensen said the gunman then tried to break into a friend's apartment at the complex.

Meanwhile, next door at a trailer park, Beth Burns pulled up in her Cadillac Seville to visit her parents before embarking on a trip to Snow College in Ephraim, Sanpete County.

When she got out of the Cadillac, the gunman and another man hopped over the fence, jumped into Burns' idling car and sped away, Christensen said.

Three hours later, a lone suspect driving south on I-15 in the stolen Cadillac was arrested in Fillmore after running over spikes that ripped tires off the car.

Troopers have no explanation for the brutal homi-



Lee Parker

Victim Was 'Warm, Wonderful Man'

BY VINCE HORIUCHI
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The last precious moments Sam Parker spent with his father Tuesday night were the kind they loved the most — fishing in a serene spot.

The night before 49-year-old Lee Wayne Parker was shot and killed on Interstate 15 in Midvale, he and Sam, 25, went fly-fishing on a little river that leads into the Jordanelle Reservoir.

Nothing significant was said, but it was a special evening nonetheless, Sam said.

"My favorite image of my dad and my brother is of going fishing," Sam said. "It was always a good time."

Those memories were shattered Wednesday by a killer's rage. About 4:30 a.m., Lee Parker was shot after stopping his vehicle on Interstate 15. Police know the killer pumped seven rounds into the driver's side of Parker's vehicle, but do not know what motivated the murder.

Lee Parker's family says he was a staple in his community. He has lived in the same Sandy home on Paula Circle for more than 25 years. He first worked for Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative but left because "he decided it wasn't right to kill animals for fur," Sam explained.

Parker got a job at the U.S. Postal Service's Processing and Distributing Center at 2100 S. Redwood Road. And for the past 20 years he has been a "great employee," said the center's manager Samuel Ruden.

"He was a terrific gentlemen and the kind of guy who never had a harsh word," Ruden said. "He was a pleasant, warm, wonderful man."

Parker worked on the small bundle and parcel-sorter machine at the center. He also was an acting supervisor for the auxiliary service facility.

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officer parked his car in front so he couldn't move." Salt Lake County Sheriff's Lt. Larry Marx said. "They ordered him out of the car and he refused. Then he was shot once."

Robert Alewine, 22, from the Millcreek area in Salt Lake County was taken to Uni-

over him, police say. Before the suspect could hit the trooper, however, his car crashed into a Ford Explorer swerving to miss the officer. The force of the crash pushed the Explorer into the trooper, striking him in the hip

rammed away. Wood Road. But at 3:00 p.m., sheriff's deputies West and th

Victim Was a 'Warm, Wonderful Man'

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At home, Parker spent leisure hours on woodworking, building rocking chairs and birdhouses in his backyard shop. Some day, he wanted to start a business selling those wood knickknacks and call the shop "Wood Wishes: Almost Anything in Wood."

The rest of his time was spent with his family.

"It was very obvious that family was important to Lee," Ruden said. Parker and his wife, Maxine, had two sons and three daughters. They also had two grandsons, and three granddaughters are on the way.

"The reason he goes in at 4:30 in the morning was so he could come home early to be with his family," Sam Parker said.

Wednesday, co-workers, friends and family struggled to understand why anyone would run down a gentle man who only

wanted to take care of his family.

"He was never one to cause conflict with anybody," Sam Parker said. "As we were growing up, he was the one who would jump in and calm everyone down."

Ruden said Parker always had kind words.

"He was one of those guys who just wished the best for everybody," he said. "He didn't have a bad bone in his body."

A trust fund for the surviving family has been set up at Zions Bank. Checks may be donated at any branch.

Shooting Kills Motorist On I-15 Onramp

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side — or the whereabouts of the second individual who jumped into the Cadillac. But they say it is obvious the killer for some reason became angry with Parker.

"When you put seven shots into

the car and three hit the person, that's rage," said Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Larry G. Wearli.

One 9 mm bullet struck Parker in the left temple — at close range — and a second hit him in the shoulder, soaking his purple Utah Jazz T-shirt with blood. A third bullet passed through the car door, striking the Sand's man in the arm.

Authorities say the suspect is a member of what is purportedly the largest gang in the country, which originated in Los Angeles and spread to other cities in the West. The suspect has been convicted of criminal trespass and retail theft in West Valley City, according to 3rd District Court records. (*The Salt Lake Tribune* generally does not name suspects until they have been formally charged.)

Troopers got a break in the case when a motorist on I-15 spotted the stolen Cadillac and used a cell phone to call the Millard County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Sgt. Garth White was not sure how the caller knew the Cadillac was connected to the homicide, but he "could have heard it on the news."

Two sheriff's deputies followed the car for 10 miles before turn-

Agency's Board Delays Its Vote on Director

OGDEN — A vote to decide the fate of the embattled director of one of the city's largest anti-poverty agencies was put off Wednesday night until June 4.

The governing board of the Ogden Area Community Action Agency (OACAA) voted not to take action against Executive Director H.C. Massey until members examined all evidence.

Massey has been the head of OACAA for more than 30 years.

scathing report released last week by the Administration for Children and Families. Massey was criticized for virtually taking over OACAA programs, including the Head Start program for preschoolers.

The federal report said Massey must be fired by June 19 or OACAA will lose a \$1.4 million grant needed to run Head Start. Eleven members of the board elected to wait before voting on Massey's future, while six others



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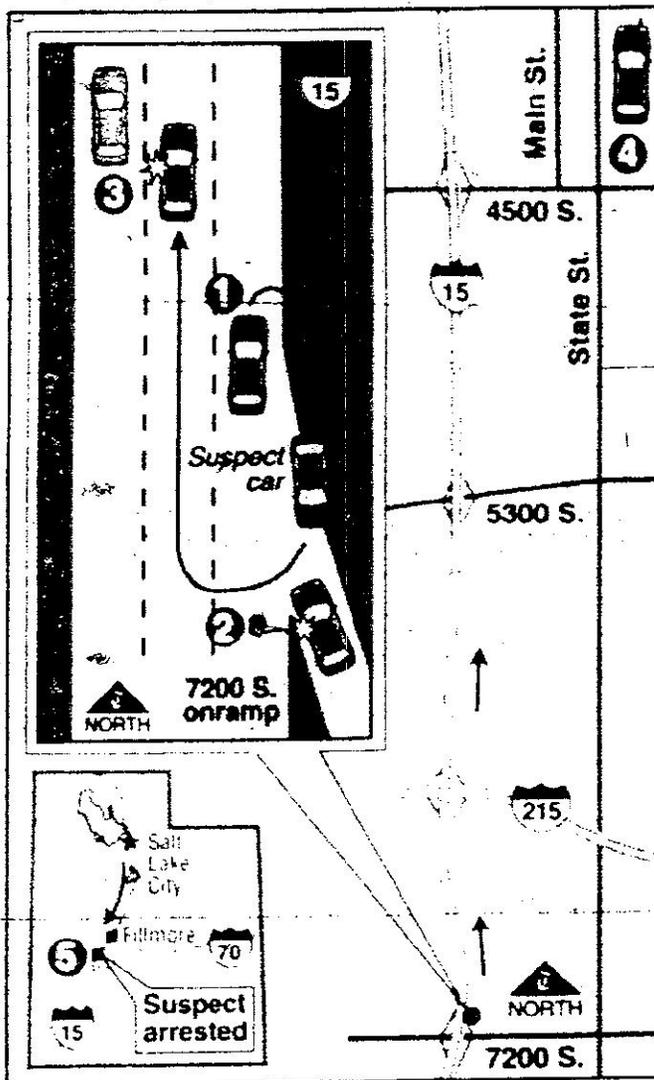
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Freeway Shooting

Lee Wayne Parker was inexplicably shot on Interstate 15 in Midvale on Wednesday while driving to work at 4:30 a.m. Police caught a suspected gang member south of Fillmore



- 1 Northbound killer does U-turn on freeway and points car south.
- 2 Police say it's unclear why Parker stopped his vehicle, but killer's car may have blocked Parker's path. Killer gets out of his car and fires seven rounds at victim. Parker was hit three times; dies at the scene.
- 3 Killer shot at a witness who was driving by. No injuries reported.
- 4 The gunman abandoned his car at 4490 S. 195 East, leaving behind a 9mm handgun. Police suspect that he stole a Cadillac idling at a trailer park and headed south.
- 5 Police spot the suspect on I-15 and chase the stolen Cadillac 14 miles before spiking its tires south of Fillmore. Suspect arrested after fighting with officers.

Steve Baker The Salt Lake Tribune

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Man Pleads Guilty to Murder of Postal Worker

Prosecutors Say Ex-Californian Was High on LSD When He Shot Sandy Man Last May on Interstate 15

BY STEPHEN HUNT

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Garcia-Miramontes was crazed on LSD when he sideswiped a Sandy postal worker's car on Interstate 15 last year, then shot and killed the man, prosecutors revealed Wednesday.

During a 3rd District Court hearing, Garcia-Miramontes pleaded guilty to capital murder in connection with the May 21 slaying of Lee Wayne Parker.

Garcia-Miramontes, 24, could have a chance at parole. But according to a complicated plea agreement, he likely will spend at least 45 years behind bars.

"He's going to be an old, old man when he gets out," said prosecutor Robert Stott.

Stott said the Parker family did not want Garcia-Miramontes to face execution. "They just don't want him to do it again," he said.

The victim's widow, Maxine Parker, declined comment except to say: "I'm relieved."

Stott said chances were slim of winning a death sentence at trial because of the defendant's young age, his lack of a prior criminal record and the influence of drugs. Garcia-Miramontes claims he recalls only portions of events when he killed Parker.

Garcia-Miramontes' deal required him to plead guilty to capital murder on Wednesday. After he is sentenced June 8 by Judge Stephen Henriod, the defendant will plead guilty to three additional first-degree felonies: two first-degree felony counts of attempted murder for shooting at two people who stopped to help, and one count of aggravated robbery for stealing a car after the shooting.

Prosecutors said key to the deal is that Garcia-Miramontes will be sentenced on the murder count before entering other guilty pleas. A prior conviction involving a weapon allows for harsher gun-enhancement penalties, according to a little-used Utah statute.

Therefore, rather than the usual 1-to-5-year gun enhancement penalties, the three enhancements will carry 5-to-10-year terms, resulting in a possible 30-year minimum when run consecutively. The three first-degree felony counts, carrying 5-years-to-life terms, will also run consecutively, resulting in a 15-year minimum. Added together, Garcia-Miramontes faces a possible 45-year minimum prison term.

Thus, the defendant could be 70 years old before he is paroled. Prosecutor Vincent Meister said the defendant had been up all night on LSD when he collided with the victim on I-15 near 7200 South at about 4:20 a.m. on May 21, 1997.

Garcia-Miramontes told police he didn't have a lot of experience with LSD. Tests indicated a "relatively high" level of the drug in the defendant's blood, Meister said.

Despite the sparse traffic at that early hour, several drivers saw portions of the crime, according to testimony during an October preliminary hearing.

Long-haul trucker Peter Ellison said he was driving northbound on I-15 when he saw the defendant's northbound tan Chevrolet cross three lanes of traffic to sideswipe Parker's maroon Buick. Parker stopped.

Garcia-Miramontes made a U-turn and drove back against traffic, spun another U-turn and rammed Parker's car again, Ellison said.

Jeanie Ison entered the freeway from 7200

South and came upon the two cars locked nose-to-nose at the top of the on-ramp. As Ison slowed, the defendant's car backed up, circled across three lanes of traffic and stopped again beside Parker's car.

Then Garcia-Miramontes got out and fired a handgun into Parker's driver-side window, Ison testified. The killer hit Parker in the elbow, back, and head.

Peter Karpakis was next on the scene in his pickup truck with passenger Fred Mauney. They slowed to see if assistance was needed and saw Parker slumped over the wheel of his car. Garcia-Miramontes appeared "angry and upset," said Karpakis.

The defendant ordered Karpakis to leave and began firing at Karpakis' pickup. The killer then jumped in his car, caught up with Karpakis and began ramming his truck. The defendant's car spun out and Karpakis sped away.

Garcia-Miramontes ditched his car and stole another. Three hours later, he was arrested near Fillmore after running over police tire spikes.

The killer is a Californian who came to Utah several years ago to get away from gangs, according to defense attorneys. His past criminal record includes some drug problems, but no violence, prosecutors said.

Parker, who for 20 years had worked at the U.S. Postal Service's processing and distributing center at 2100 S. Redwood Road, was described by a co-worker as "a pleasant, warm, wonderful man," who "didn't have a bad bone in his body." Parker, 49, was a devoted family man who went to work early so he could come home early to spend time with his wife, two sons and three daughters.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

Slain Postal Worker's Family Shows Compassion for His Killer

BY STEPHEN HUNT
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Family members of murdered postal worker Lee Wayne Parker spoke Monday at a 3rd District Court sentencing caring about their feelings of loss and sorrow for a gentle, loving man. But they also expressed compassion for 21-year-old Jose Garcia-Miramontes, who fatally shot Parker on Interstate 15 near 7200 South last year while under the influence of the drug LSD. Maxine Parker said she felt no hatred for the man who killed her husband of 30 years. "I'm just deeply saddened by his

actions," she said. "I've lost the one person who I thought was going to grow old with me." Parker's daughter, Emily O'Brien, told the defendant: "How sorry I feel for you. You'll never experience a marriage or having a family, and all the other things a young man should experience." Garcia-Miramontes — a gang member with a seventh-grade education who sports the tattoo of a spider below his left ear — had no comment. But he probably owes his life to the Parkers, who did not want the killer to be executed. The victim's son, John Parker, said his family did not want to endure the trauma

of a trial, but he also believes his father would not have wanted the death penalty. "It's his influence reflecting on us," John Parker said. In lieu of a trial, prosecutors and defense attorneys fashioned a complex plea-bargain deal that gives the defendant hope of parole, but guarantees he will be an old man if he is ever released. The deal also spares the victim's family the lengthy appeals process which follows any death-penalty conviction. "In Utah, that means 15 more years of travail," said prosecutor Robert Stott. In April, Garcia-Miramontes pleaded guilty to capital murder. On Monday,

Judge Stephen Henriod sentenced him to 5 years to life on that count. Garcia-Miramontes followed up moments later by pleading guilty to three first-degree felonies. And with a prior conviction involving a weapon now in place, weapons crimes normally carrying 1-to-15 terms were boosted up to 5-to-15



Jose Garcia-Miramontes

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Family Shows Compassion for Slain Man's Killer

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terms. The judge ran all four sentences consecutively, and also stacked on the weapons enhancements, in accordance with the plea-bargain agreement. Prosecutor Robert Stott said the sentence could keep Garcia-Miramontes behind bars for a minimum of 48 years. "It virtually assures he'll never get out," Meister said. The murder occurred May 21, 1997, at about 4:20 a.m. as Parker was driving from his Sandy home to the U.S. Postal Service's processing and distribution center at 2100 S. Redwood Road. While northbound on Interstate 15, Parker's car was — for unknown reasons — sideswiped by the defendant. Prosecutor Stott revealed his theory that Garcia-Miramontes also fired a shot at Parker at that time, as evidenced by broken window glass on the freeway. Parker, possibly injured by a bullet, let his car coast to a stop near the 7200 South on-ramp. The defendant made a U-turn

on the freeway and came back to confront Parker again. He was shot in the elbow and back and point-blank in the head. "Was it road rage? LSD? I don't know," Stott said. "But he returned and got out and, execution style, shot a man who was helpless. That makes it not only violent, but intentional." Stott told the defendant: "You are a very fortunate young man. Except for Maxine Parker and her family, we'd be asking for the death penalty." After killing Parker, the defendant also fired at two people in a pickup truck who stopped to help. Then Garcia-Miramontes ditched his car, stole another and drove south on I-15, headed for his native California, Stott said. The defendant was stopped near Fillmore after running over tire spikes placed in the roadway by police. Garcia-Miramontes's criminal record includes some drug problems, but no violence. His defense attorneys have said he came to Utah to escape gangs, but prosecutors say he maintained his gangster ties. In the year since Parker was killed, four grandchildren have been born. Family members said they dread having to explain the homicide to the youngsters. Maxine Parker said she misses her "loving, thoughtful" husband. She is reminded of his death each time she asks neighbors for help

when the sprinklers break or her truck won't start. "I hate it when he's not home to hold me at night and tell me we'll get through this together," she said. "I hate being alone." And she lamented that her husband was alone when he died. "I should have been there to hold his hand," she said. "And I didn't get to say goodbye."



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR

October 8, 1999

Mr. Fred W. Mauney
235 South Rio Grande Street
Salt Lake City, UH 84101-1105

Dear Mr. Mauney:

We received and reviewed your request for a postal reward. We noted that along with this request you sent a copy of the newspaper article on the murder of Mr. Lee Parker. Mr. Parker was not officially employed when murdered. The photo with the article shows that Mr. Parker was in his personal vehicle, not a postal vehicle. This detail was brought to your attention for the following reason: on the attached Notice of Reward, "Murder or Manslaughter" is listed as "The unlawful killing of any officer or employee of the Postal Service *while engaged in or on account of the performance of their official duties.*"

Mr. Mauney, we do appreciate your efforts, time and assistance with helping the police solve the murder of Mr. Parker. Unfortunately because Mr. Parker was not on duty our Reward Program can not compensate for your actions. We hope you understand our position on this matter.

Sincerely,

F. J. Manon
Acting-Deputy Chief Inspector
Criminal Investigations

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Office Of Inspector General

July 7, 2004

**ROBERT DeMURO
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U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE**

SUBJECT: Referral of Congressional Request

We received the enclosed May 6 facsimile and attached correspondence from Representative Sue Myrick on behalf of her constituent, Mr. Fred Mauney. Mr. Mauney has asserted his right to a reward for his part in solving the murder of a postal worker in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We are referring this matter to your office for whatever action you deem appropriate and for a direct response to Representative Myrick. We have also enclosed a copy of our response advising him of this referral.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your response for our files. If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me at (703) 248-2142.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie L. Fox".

Carrie L. Fox
Director, Congressional Response

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Sue Myrick



Office Of Inspector General

July 7, 2004

The Honorable Sue Myrick
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
318 South Street, Suite 8
Gastonia, NC 28052

Dear Congresswoman Myrick:

We are writing in regard to your constituent, Mr. Fred Mauney, who contacted you and employees of the Office of Inspector General about his assertion of his rights to a reward for his part in solving the murder of a postal worker in Salt Lake City, Utah.

As we discussed with Robert Becker of your staff on June 30, the issues Mr. Mauney raises are not within our jurisdiction. We believe that the matter can be best addressed as a policy issue by the Postal Inspection Service. Therefore, we have forwarded your correspondence to the Postal Inspection Service and have asked for a direct response to you. A copy of our referral letter is enclosed.

As information for Mr. Mauney and his representatives, the Office of Inspector General routinely reviews charges of fraud, waste, and misconduct in the United States Postal Service. As is our procedure, we will retain the information they provided in our database, which we periodically review to identify systemic issues and potential areas for review.

We appreciate your concern in this matter. If you have further questions related to this inquiry, please have your staff contact our Congressional Liaison, Gene Wiley, at (703) 248-4628.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie L. Fox".

Carrie L. Fox
Director, Congressional Response

Enclosure



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

GROUP 2 - INTERNAL & EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

July 29, 2004

Honorable Sue Myrick
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Myrick:

This is in response to your inquiry about your constituent, Fred Maundy, and his efforts to obtain a reward for assistance he provided in the investigation of the murder of postal employee, Lee Parker, in May 1997.

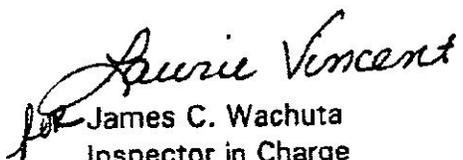
We have communicated with Mr. Maundy on several occasions since October 1999 about this matter. The Postal Service pays rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for offenses against postal employees who are on duty, or on account of the performance of their duties. Mr. Parker was accosted on a freeway while en route to his place of employment. He clearly had not begun his work day at the time of the incident.

We certainly appreciate Mr. Maundy's efforts in assisting the local police in solving the murder of Mr. Parker. However, since the crime occurred while Mr. Parker was off duty, Mr. Maundy is not eligible to receive a reward.

Mr. Maundy filed a civil complaint against the Postal Service in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. The lawsuit was dismissed.

If you would like more information, feel free to contact me at (202) 268-4370.

Sincerely,


for James C. Wachuta
Inspector in Charge
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