

The Jihad Murders in Waltham

A Book Proposal

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The Story of Americans and Islamic Immigrants Caught in a Deadly Clash of Cultures

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, the Tenth Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, three men were ritually murdered in Jihad style in a Waltham, Massachusetts, apartment.

Among those murdered was Brendan Mess, best friend of Boston Marathon Bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

What the three murdered men had in common is that they were Jewish and smoked pot.

According to Wikipedia:

Brendan Mess, Erik Weissman, and Raphael Teken were murdered in Mess's apartment. All had their throats slit from ear to ear, thousands of dollars of marijuana and money were left covering their bodies, and \$5,000 was left at the scene. The local district attorney said that it appeared that the killer and the victims knew each other, and that the murders were not random.

A Waltham police investigator described the murders as “the worst bloodbath I have ever seen in a long law enforcement career. There was no forced entry, it was clear that the victims had let the killer in. And their throats were slashed right out of an al Qaeda training video. The drugs and money on the bodies was very strange.”

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the deceased suspect in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, had formerly described murder victim Brendan Mess as his best friend. After the bombings and subsequent revelations of Tsarnaev's personal life, the Waltham murders case was reexamined in April 2013 with Tsarnaev as a new suspect. ABC reported that authorities believe Tsarnaev may have been responsible for the triple homicide.

According to *Rest in Peace Brendan* video viewer Charles Cross:

“Islamic Jihad style execution, Tamerlan Tsarnaev's behavior changed dramatically around this time. He hated alcohol and drugs. He stated he did not have any American

friends, so he had fallen out with Mess. \$5000 found at the site of the deaths, so indicates a punishment killing for dealing. Waltham Police useless, too much caffeine and sugar. So the FBI will need to go in there, like they should have done in the first place. Mistakes. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev hog-tied them, while Tamerlan held a gun.”

Wikipedia continues:

Three men, Brendan Mess (age 25), Erik Weissman (31), and Raphael Teken (37), were discovered murdered in the early afternoon on September 12, 2011. They were found in Mess's apartment at 12 Harding Avenue in Waltham, Massachusetts

According to a number of sources all three victims were Jewish. . . . Weissman was outspoken about his Jewish faith and an active member of his synagogue, and Teken had majored in history at predominantly Jewish Brandeis University; he was buried in Israel.

Mess was described by Tamerlan Tsarnaev as his best friend. Mess and Weissman had attended Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

Mess was a well-known mixed martial arts fighter, and is listed as a martial arts instructor on his death certificate. Teken is listed as a personal trainer on his death certificate. Weissman was a body builder. They were three strong men, who were dragged to three different rooms during or after the murders.

Autopsies revealed that the men had been brutally murdered. Their heads had been pulled back, and their throats had been slit from ear-to-ear with either an ice pick or knife with such great force that their heads were nearly decapitated. Their bodies had been left covered with thousands of dollars worth of marijuana and thousands of dollars of money, in three different rooms. Police said \$5,000 was left at the scene.

No motive was discovered, though the police said that the murders were not random. Two unidentified men had been seen at the apartment before the murders. Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone said that it appeared that two unknown perpetrators and the victims knew each other. It was believed that the victims let the killers into their apartment.

Who were the two unidentified men?

Were they Tamerlan Tsarnaev and his brother Dzhokhar?

This book will tell the story of all of these people, their relationships, their hopes and dreams and the fate they all suffered.

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