



Concrete artist

staff photo by David Fisher

Grounds maintenance worker Thomas Morales adds the finishing touches to the service spaces in front of the Commons as he paints the service designations on with a stencil and spray paint.

Fraud witness slain

United Press International
NEW YORK — The key witness in a \$5.5 million fraud investigation, slain by an apparent hit man, had asked for federal protection after another woman involved in the case vanished, her lawyer says. The hit man also killed three men trying to help her.

The slain witness, Margaret Barbera, 38, had pleaded guilty March 12 to a fraud charge in connection with an FBI investigation.

"If they would have provided it (protection), she would still be alive," said James Coley, Barbera's attorney.

Barbera was found dead in a rubble-strewn cobblestone alley in Lower Manhattan early Tuesday morning, with a single gunshot wound in the back of her head.

She was killed Monday evening on the roof of a parking garage near the Hudson River. Three CBS employees who saw her body being stuffed into a white van also were shot dead by the gunman, who apparently thought the three witnessed the slaying.

Police believe the killer, a white man in his 30s who used a

.22-caliber pistol, is a professional hit man.

Chief of Detectives James Sullivan said the slayings also are linked to the disappearance and probable death of Jenny Soo Chin, 46, of Teaneck, N.J.

Barbera had hired her friend, Chin, to help her keep financial records at Candor. Chin disappeared Jan. 5, 1978, and was never seen again. Her car was found in midtown Manhattan Jan. 11. There were bloodstains and a .22-caliber shell casing in the vehicle, Sullivan said.

Court papers show Barbera of Queens was cooperating with federal authorities in a \$5.5 million embezzlement investigation involving her former employer, Candor Diamonds in midtown Manhattan.

The shell casing found in Chin's car matched those found at the garage, Sullivan said.

Court papers filed in federal bankruptcy court in the Candor case allege Barbera tried to shake down one of Candor's owners, Irwin Margolies, for \$100,000.

Barbera left the diamond-importing firm last May and had begun working at a camera shop near the parking garage where she was killed. The facility is also used by CBS employees.

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Ex-boxer prefers life as 'shield'

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smoke grenades, grenade launcher.

Sullivan said his work is legal. He's a bodyguard.

Sullivan, 29, a former Golden Gloves heavyweight boxer, said he prefers the danger, exotic

places and earnings of as much as \$1,000 a day of his current craft to the bruises, small fame and no pay of the prizefighter.

Sullivan serves as a "shield" for wealthy people, many of whom, he conceded, make their

money illegally.

Besides mastering weaponry, he said, he occasionally must perform the kind of driving stunts seen on television detective shows. Also, he said, he sometimes must use his fists.

Sullivan (a professional pseudonym) gets jobs from New York to Los Angeles. He also works outside the United States; abroad, he said, life can be cheap for one in his profession.

At 6-foot-1 and 210 pounds, Sullivan is a fifth-degree black belt in the martial arts skill of Taekwondo. He said he can kill with his hands and feet, with exotic Oriental weapons or with the weapons his bosses give him. But when he's working, he makes sure he doesn't look like the violent type.

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