



Psychotic Serial Arsonist Nun Captured

Christine Darkwater, the chief suspect in the string of heinous arson/murders plaguing the Bronx was captured by authorities Monday afternoon, after an anonymous tip off led them to find Darkwater sleeping in a drainage pipe under a bridge in Lower Manhattan.

The first fire started in early September, claiming the life of squatter Cassandra Zantosa in the blaze. Since then at least one other, if not two other victims have been deliberately killed in similar fires.

Darkwater apparently managed to injure one officer in the struggle before being non-fatally shot in the shoulder, placed under arrest and taken to St. Isidore's Hospital and Clinic nearby for treatment. She is apparently in stable condition.

The former Dominican nun and soup kitchen operator has been implicated in all three fires and



Christine Darkwater at the time of her arrest.

additional links are now being made between her and a series of similar arsons in Canada, one of which involved an orphanage tending to paraplegic infants.

"In spite of people's previous claims otherwise, I don't believe that Darkwater is mentally ill, or misunderstood," said detective Jason Hart, "I genuinely believe that this woman is a monster.

Another Stingray stabs another man in the chest

An 81-year-old man was in critical condition Thursday after a stingray flopped onto his boat and stung him, leaving a foot-long barb in his chest in an accident similar to the one that killed "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin.

"It was a freak accident," said Lighthouse Point acting fire Chief David Donzella. "It's very odd that the thing jumped out of the water and stung him. We still can't believe it."

Fatal stingray attacks like the one that killed Irwin last month at the Great Barrier Reef are rare, marine experts say. Rays reflexively deploy

a sharp spine in their tails when frightened, but the venom coating the barb usually causes just a painful sting for humans.

Doctors were able to remove the barb during surgeries Wednesday and Thursday by eventually pulling it through his heart and closing the wound, said Dr. Eugene Costantini at Broward General Medical Center.

He said Bertakis' case was different from Irwin's because the barb stayed in Bertakis' heart and was not pulled out. Videotape of Irwin's last moments shows him pulling the barb from his chest.

"Something like this is really, really extraordinarily extremely unbelievably rare," she said. "Even when they are under duress, they don't usually attack. Ever."



Illustration 1 The stingray that stung Bertaki.

Serial Killer Harold Rolling Executed

Danny Harold Rolling, Florida's most notorious serial killer since Ted Bundy, was executed by injection Wednesday for butchering five

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college students in a ghastly string of slayings that terrorized Gainesville in 1990.

Rolling, 52, died singing. A prison spokesman described his song as "almost hymnal."

Rolling was pronounced dead at 6:13 p.m. ET, more than 16 years after his killing rampage at the start of the University of Florida's fall semester.

Rolling was calm and cooperative ahead of the execution, Corrections Department spokesman Robby Cunningham said. He spent several hours with his brother Kevin and his brother's pastor, officials said.

Rolling was the 63rd inmate to be put to death since Florida resumed executions in 1979 and the third this year.

Pigs Responsible for E. Coli

Wild pigs are the likely culprits behind the *E. coli* bacteria outbreak that killed and sickened people across the country after they ate fresh, bagged spinach.

Genetics tests have found the exact strain of the deadly bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract of a boar discovered dead at a Salinas-area ranch suspected as the source of the outbreak, California and federal health officials said Thursday.

The officials also said "the outbreak appears to be over."

Investigators had announced two weeks ago that they had matched the bacteria found in tainted bagged spinach to three samples of cattle manure in a pasture near the field. But this is the first time they have found convincing evidence of how the fields became contaminated.

Wild pigs are one "real clear vehicle" that could explain how *E. coli* spread from cattle on the ranch to the spinach field less than a mile away, said Kevin Reilly, deputy director of the state Department of Health Services.

He said the pigs could have tracked the bacteria into the field by smashing down fences or spread it by defecating on the spinach.

Reilly would say only that the state health department, FDA and growers' groups were quickly developing new "best practices" guidelines aimed at ensuring that produce is not contaminated. That may or may not involve hunting down pigs.

One other possible recommendation will be for farmers to put up stronger fences to keep out the wildlife, he said.

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

God has given up on you. Abandon hope from hence forth... and don't prank call the Horoscope author.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A gentleman or lady is never inappropriate, no matter what the circumstance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Go to a movie you haven't seen before and try something new as often as possible. Don't get stuck in a rut.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

As serious as you are, sometimes it's wise to have a sense of humor about life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Shun lavender this week, the color will be your downfall.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll receive a long-expected letter from a friend you haven't heard from in a while. Take time to reflect on your past together and cherish it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take this Halloween to let loose and enjoy yourself a bit. Find a fun costume and stop worrying so much over details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find love with a new person soon, or renew your love with someone you currently cherish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're gunning for a slip up if you don't crack down and force yourself to focus more on the task at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you may be justified in being angry, take time to examine who you're effecting in the process this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You often try to appear less intelligent than you are in the hopes that others will like you. Stop that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Even your best laid plans may go awry this week. Be ready to be flexible.