



New York City Police Department

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Report Cmd: 050	Jurisdiction: N.Y. POLICE DEPT	ICAD#:	Record Status: No Status	Public Omni NO	Complaint #: 1996-050-003534	No Other Legacy Blue Versions	No Other Complaint Revisions
Occurrence 4602 PALISADE Location: AVENUE Name Of Premise: Premises Type: RESIDENCE NOT APT/HOME Location Within Premise: OTHER . Visible By Patrol?: NO			NYC Parks Dept. Property Did this offense occur on NYC Parks Dept. Property? Command: NYC Parks Dept. Property Name:		Precinct: 050 Sector: H Beat: 09 Post: 0		

Occurrence From: 1996-04-23 17:30:00 TUESDAY Occurrence thru: 1996-04-24 07:20:00 Reported: 1996-04-24 08:20:17 Complaint Received: RADIO	Aided # 00000691 Accident # O.C.C.B. #
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Classification: INVESTIGATION D.O.A. Attempted/Completed: Most Serious Offense Is: N/A PD Code: 055 D.O.A., UNCLASSIFIED PL Section: ? Keycode: 994	Case Status: OPEN Unit Referred To: P.D.U. Clearance Code: Log/Case #: 0 Clearance Arrest Id: Clearance AO Cmd: File #: Prints Requested?
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Is This Related To Stop And Frisk Report NO	SQF Number: 0000-000-00000	Was The Victim's Personal Information Taken Or Possessed?	Was The Victim's Personal Information Used To Commit A Crime?
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Gang Related?	Detective Borough Wheel Log #:	Name Of Gang:	Child Abuse Suspected?
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DIR Required? NO	Child in Common?	Intimate Relationship?	Officer Body Worn Camera:
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If Burglary: Forced Entry? Structure: Entry Method: Entry Location:	Alarm: Bypassed? Comp Responded?: Company Name/Phone: Crime Prevention Survey Requested?: Complaint/Reporter Present?:	If Arson: Structure: Occupied?: Damage by:	Taxi Robbery: Partition Present: Amber Stress Light Activated: Method of Conveyance: Location of Pickup:
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Supervisor On Scene - Rank / Name / Command :	Canvas Conducted:	Translator(if used):
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NARRATIVE:
 AT T/P/O REPORTER STATES DECEASED WAS FOUND BY HIM HOME ATTENDANT, KEITH ALEXANDER 8/13/48 LYING FACE DOWN IN AN UPSTAIRS HALLWAY TO BEDROOM WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF BLOOD AROUND HIM ON FLOOR, M.E. TO RELEASE BODY TO FAMILY UPON DR. PASTLE SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE, PDU DET RAMSEY ON SCENE, M.E. CASE #1543 M.E. ANGARD, SGT BANE 050 PCT ON SCENE.

No NYC Department of Education Data for Complaint # 1996-050-003534

No NYC TRANSIT Data for Complaint # 1996-050-003534

No NYC HOUSING Data for Complaint # 1996-050-003534

Total Victims: 1	Total Witnesses: 1	Total Reporters: 0	Total Wanted: 0
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VICTIM: # 1 of 1	Name: HOWELL, ALFRED H	Complaint#: 1996-050-003534
Nick/AKA/Maiden: UMOs: Sex/Type: MALE Race: WHITE Age: 84 Date Of Birth: 04-17 Disabled? NO	Gang/Crew Affiliation: Name: Identifiers:	Will View Photo: Will Prosecute: Notified Of Crime NO Victim Comp. Law:
Is this person not Proficient in English?: If Yes, Indicate Language: N.Y.C.H.A Resident? Is Victim fearful for their safety / life? Escalating violence / abuse by suspect? Were prior DIR's prepared for C/V?		

LOCATION ADDRESS CITY STATE/COUNTRY ZIP APT/ROOM

HOME-PERMANENT [REDACTED]			
Phone #: HOME: [REDACTED]			
Action against Victim:	Actions Of Victim Prior To Incident:		
Victim Of Similar Incident:	If Yes, When And Where		
WITNESS : # 1 of 1	Name: WEIDLEIN,ALFREDH Complaint #: 1996-050-003534		
Nick/AKA/Maiden: Sex/Type: MALE Race: WHITE Age: 043 Date Of Birth: [REDACTED] 05-11	Gang/Crew Affiliation: NO Name: Identifiers:		
Is this person not Proficient in English?: NO If Yes, Indicate Language:	Relationship To Victim:		
<u>Location</u> <u>Address</u> <u>City</u> <u>State/Country</u> <u>Zip</u> <u>Apt/Room</u> HOME-PERMANENT [REDACTED]			
Phone #: HOME: [REDACTED]			
No Reporters for Complaint # 1996-050-003534			
No Wanted for Complaint # 1996-050-003534			
ARRESTS:	Complaint # 1996-050-003534		
Arrest ID Status Defendant Name Sex Race Age Arrest Date B98077350 ACTIVE AMANN, NIKOLAJ MALE WHITE 25 1998-11-23			
No Property Data for Complaint # 1996-050-003534			
EVIDENCE:	Complaint # 1996-050-003534		
Evidence Collected?:	Evidence Collection Team/Crime Scene Requested?:		
ECT Responded?:	ECT Run#:		
Crime Scene Responded?:	Crime Scene Number:		
Evidence Invoice #			
No IMEI Data for Complaint # 1996-050-003534			
No Vehicles for Complaint # 1996-050-003534			
NOTIFICATIONS / ADDITIONAL COPIES:	Complaint # 1996-050-003534		
No Notifications	No Additional Copies		
Reporting/Investigating M.O.S. Name: PO BELIVEAU	Tax #: 893860	Command: 050 PCT	Rep.Agency: NYPD
Supervisor Approving Name: SGT MASCIA	Tax #: 878101	Command: 050 PCT	Rep.Agency: NYPD
Complaint Report Entered By: PAA MUSTAPHER	Tax #: 329556	Command: 050 PCT	Rep.Agency: NYPD
Signoff Supervisor Name:	Tax #: 000000	Command:	Rep.Agency:
END OF COMPLAINT REPORT # 1996-050-003534			



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Omniuniform System - Arrests

RECORD STATUS: *PSTPND/NYSID* **Arrest ID:** *B98077350 - L*

Arrest Location: *215 EAST 161 STREET* **Pct:** *044*

Arrest Date: *11-23-1998* Processing Type: *ON LINE*
Time: *17:00:00* DCJS Fax Number: *BO034050*
Sector: *C* Special Event Code: *-*
Strip Search Conducted: DAT Number:
Viper Initiated Arrest: ICAD#
Stop And Frisk: Return Date: *0000-00-00*
Serial #: *0000-000-00000*

COMPLAINTS: **Arrest #:** *B98077350*

COMPLAINT NUMBER	REPORT DATE	RECORD STATUS	OCCUR DATE	OCCUR TIME
<i>1996-050-03534</i>	<i>1996-04-24</i>	<i>No Status</i>	<i>1996-04-23</i>	<i>17:30:00</i>

CHARGES: **Arrest #:** *B98077350*

CHARGE	ATTEMPT?	LAW CODE	CLASS	TYPE	COUNTS	DESCRIPTION
<i>TOP</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>PL 1252503</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>MURDER 2ND - FELONY MURDER</i>

How Arrest came about:			# Injuries: <i>00</i>	# Fatalities: <i>00</i>	Test Given:	Reason Vehicle Not Forfeit:		
Blood Specimen Taken:	Blood Specimen Refused:	Urine Specimen Taken:	Urine Specimen Refused:	Oral Fluid Specimen Taken:	Oral Fluid Specimen Refused:	Breath Sample Refused:	Breath Sample Reading:	BrAC:
Role: <i>IDTU Technician</i>	Department:	Tax:	Command:	Shield:	Rank:	Last Name:	First Name:	MI: <i>IDTU/Blood Case No:</i>
Role: <i>Point Person</i>	Department:	Tax:	Command:	Shield:	Rank:	Last Name:	First Name:	MI:
Role: <i>Supv in Charge of Checkpoint</i>	Department:	Tax:	Command:	Shield:	Rank:	Last Name:	First Name:	MI:

DETAILS: **Arrest #:** *B98077350*

Was the defendant recording police-related activity at time of arrest?
ARRESTED AND CHARGED IN THAT DEFENDANT DURING THE COMMISSION OF A BURGLARY DID CAUSE THE DEATH OF COMPLAINANT.

DEFENDANT: *AMANN, NIKOLAJ* **NYSID #:** *07904600H* **Arrest #:** *B98077350*

Nick/AKA/Maiden: Sex: <i>MALE</i> Race: <i>WHITE</i> Age: <i>25</i> Date Of Birth: U.S. Citizen: Place Of Birth: Is this person not Proficient in English?: If Yes, Indicate Language: Accent: Identification ID: Identification #: Physical Condition: <i>APPARENTLY NORMAL</i> Lic/Permit Type: Drug Used: <i>NONE</i> Lic/Permit No:	Height: <i>[REDACTED]</i> Weight: <i>[REDACTED]</i> Eye Color: <i>BROWN</i> Hair Color: <i>BLACK</i> Hair Length: Hair Style: <i>STRAIGHT</i> Skin Tone: <i>LIGHT</i> Complexion: <i>CLEAR</i> Soc.Security #: <i>[REDACTED]</i> Occupation:	Order Of Protection: Issuing Court: Docket #: Expiration Date: Relation to Victim: <i>NONE</i> Living together: <i>NO</i> Can be Identified: Gang/Crew Affiliation: Name: Identifiers:
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LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE/CNTRY	ZIP	APT/ROOM	PCT
<i>HOME-PERMANENT</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>	<i>[REDACTED]</i>

Phone # and E-Mail Address:

N.Y.C.H.A. Resident: N.Y.C. Housing Employee: On Duty: *YES*
Development: N.Y.C. Transit Employee:

Physical Force:

Gun: *HANDGUN*
Weapon Used/Possessed: *NONE* Make: Recovered:
Non-Firearm Weapon: Color: Serial Number Defaced:
Other Weapon Description: Caliber: Serial Number:
Type:
Discharged: *NO*

Used Transit System: *NO*
Station Entered:
Time Entered:
Metro Card Type:

Metro Card Used/Poses:
Card #:

CRIME DATA DETAILS

JUVENILE DATA: Arrest #: **B98077350**

Relative Notified: Personal Recog: **0**
Number Of Priors: **0** Name:
School Attending: Phone Called:
Mother's Maiden Name: Time Notified:

ASSOCIATED ARRESTS: Arrest #: **B98077350**

ARREST ID COMPLAINT #

VEHICLE: # 1 of 1 VIN: Arrest #: **B98077350**

Vehicle Was: Vehicle Stolen/Attempted Stolen From: Invoice #:

Plate(s): **Vehicle**
Number of Plates: **0** Year: **0000**
License Plate #: Make:
State: Model:
Expires: **0000** Style:
Type: Color:
Ins. Code:
Policy #:

Recovered Prior To Alarm:
Alarm #:
Precinct: **000**
Date: **0000-00-00**
Time: **00:00**:
Transmitted By:

Vehicle Condition: Held For Forfeiture:

DEFENDANTS CALLS: Arrest #: **B98077350**

CALL # NUMBER DIALED NAME - PROVIDED BY DEFENDANT NAME AS LISTED IN CELL PHONE RELATIONSHIP CALL COMPLETED

INVOICES: Arrest #: **B98077350**

INVOICE# COMMAND PROPERTY TYPE VALUE

ARREST RULES: Arrest #: **B98077350**

ARRESTING OFFICER: DT2 THOMAS DEVINE Arrest #: **B98077350**

Tax Number: **907974** On Duty: **YES**
Other ID (non-NYPD): **0** In Uniform: **YES**
Shield: **4782** Squad: **B**
Department: **NYPD** Chart: **97**
Command: **272** Primary Assignment: **NO**

Force Used: NO - No Force Used by any MOS
Type:
Reason:
Officer Injured: **NO**
Officer Body Worn Camera:
TRI Number: **0000-000-00000** Suffix: **0**

Arresting Officer Name: DT2 DEVINE, THOMAS	Tax #: 907974	Command: 272	Agency: NYPD
Supervisor Approving:	Tax #: 000000	Command:	Agency: NYPD
Report Entered by:	Tax #: 000000	Command:	Agency: NYPD

END OF ARREST REPORT
B98077350

Print this Report

A. H. Howell, 83, Book-Loving Banker

Alfred Hunt Howell, a retired banker and philanthropist, died on Tuesday at his home in Riverdale, the Bronx. He was 83.

He retired in 1972 as vice president for pension-fund investments at Citibank after 35 years with the bank.

In retirement he pursued history and Middle Eastern studies at Columbia University. He learned Arabic and received a Ph.D. in medieval history in 1993, when he was 80. He had graduated from Princeton University in 1934 and earned a master's in philosophy at Columbia in 1978.

His interest in philosophy and theology prompted his book "Who Made You? Theology, Science and Human Responsibility" (Praeger, 1989). As a collector of rare books, he was active for 54 years in the Grolier Club, the library and gathering place for bibliophiles on East 60th Street, of which he was a past president. He also was a trustee of the Frick Collection.

He was a longtime benefactor of the Young Men's Christian Association and served as a trustee, board chairman and president at the metropolitan, state and national levels. He was also a director and vice president of the Bronx-based Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation.

A native of Wyoming, Ohio, he arrived in Riverdale in the late 1940's and soon delved into community work, supporting a long list of cultural, recreational and social service institutions in the Bronx.

Mr Howell is survived by two sons, Alfred H. Jr., of Reston, Va., and Henry P., of Arlington, Va.; a daughter, Ann H. Armstrong of West Chester, Pa.; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. His wife of 55 years, Ruth Rea Howell, died in 1993.

Tycoon's heart attack looking like murder

By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON and JOHN MARZULLI

Daily News Staff Writers

A Bronx millionaire who cops first thought died of a heart attack in 1996 might have been gunned down in his Riverdale mansion by an armed robber, the Daily News has learned.

Forensic tests performed on Alfred Hunt Howell indicate that there were fragments of lead in his ashes, sources told The News.

The lab tests were ordered after murder suspect Nicolaj Amman confessed to investigators that he shot Howell after the 83-year-old millionaire surprised him as he was burglarizing the mansion.

The forensic tests and Amman's confession raise serious questions about how police handled the initial investigation of the death.

Police had concluded that Howell died of natural causes and released the body of the retired banker and philanthropist for cremation without an autopsy.

But when Amman — arrested in 1997 for an unrelated burglary in Westchester County, but eventually confessed to killing Howell — told investigators that he shot the millionaire, the victim's ashes were exhumed from a cemetery in Pittsburgh and tested for

traces of bullets.

"It appears to be a perfect murder committed by an imperfect murderer," a source familiar with the probe said.

A spokesman for the Bronx district attorney's office declined to comment.

Inspector Michael Collins, a police spokesman, said the "entire case is still being reviewed."

Hunt Howell, the victim's son, said he was aware of the suspect's confession, but was reluctant to comment on the investigation.

"By virtue of not knowing the implications of what I say, I want to be more circumspect than usual," he said. "Obviously ... we were disappointed and disturbed that it didn't come to light sooner."

Cops and detectives from the 50th Precinct went to Howell's stately home overlooking the Hudson River on April 23,

1996, after the millionaire's body was found lying in blood in his bedroom.

An empty wallet on the bed apparently did not raise the cops' suspicions.

Howell appeared to have sustained a head injury, but because cops found no evidence of forced entry to the mansion, they concluded the man had suffered a heart attack and fallen to the floor.

Police contacted Howell's private physician by phone. The doctor told cops that Howell had a heart condition, and then offered to sign the death certificate that would release the body to a funeral home. The corpse was wrapped in a shroud and cremated.

"I did harbor some suspicion at the time," Hunt Howell said. "My father was on blood thinners for a mild heart condition, but he was very active. I was dismayed when I heard about the empty wallet. The police never contacted me about that until much later."

Family members contacted Bronx Supreme Court Justice Daniel Fitzgerald about their suspicions, and he referred the family to a lawyer, Larry Sheehan.

The lawyer — who coincidentally has been appointed by the court to represent Amman — never met with the Howells, and the suspicions remained unexplored.

The investigation was reopened after Amman was arrested for burglary in Westchester and told cops there that he had information about the slaying.

Amman first tried to pin the slaying on two other men, claiming he was only a lookout. After a police probe cleared the two men, Amman admitted pistol-whipping the victim and then shooting him.

The current murder indictment says Amman struck Howell "with a dangerous instrument."

Detectives close to the case say they don't believe Amman shot Howell, and have floated the theory that the victim was bludgeoned with a candlestick holder. But that alleged weapon apparently was sold by Amman and melted for its gold.

Kissinger a China pal?

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger told Chinese leaders the Soviets planned to amass enough nuclear weapons to destroy their country, and secretly offered U.S. satellite information even before the Communist government gained American diplomatic recognition, according to transcripts of top-secret talks.

"We would be prepared, at your request, through whatever sources you wish, to give you whatever information we have about the disposition of Soviet forces," then-Secretary of State Kissinger told the Chinese ambassador to the United Nations in 1971.

The specific reference

was to Soviet forces deployed during the war that year between India and Pakistan. But Kissinger offered

a web of intelligence sharing in meetings with Chinese leaders, including Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

The transcripts of secret Kissinger conversations that may have changed history are being re-

leased today by the National Security Archive of George Washington University.

A quarter-century later, President Clinton has come under fire for allowing the transfer of satellite-launch technology to China by U.S. civilian companies.



MARY ALTAFER
FORMER Secretary of State Henry Kissinger

The Associated Press

CITY

Death of Suspect Hit by Radio Ruled a Homicide

By MICHAEL COOPER

The death of a 36-year-old man who was hit in the head last month by a radio police officer threw at him was ruled a homicide yesterday by the Chief Medical Examiner's office.

The man, Kenneth Banks, of Harlem, died of a blunt impact to his head, which fractured his skull and caused contusions to his brain, said Ellen Burakove, a spokeswoman for the Chief Medical Examiner's office.

The section of the autopsy report that details how the injury occurred states: "Bicycling to avoid arrest when hit in the head by a radio thrown by a police officer."

Lawyers representing the officer who is under investigation for throwing the walkie-talkie have maintained that Mr. Banks died after swallowing crack cocaine while fleeing in an effort to destroy evidence. But the autopsy determined that drug use was not a factor in Mr. Banks's death, Mrs. Borakove said.

Mr. Banks was injured on Oct. 29 from a flying radio thrown from a 125th Street bus who were trying to arrest him on drug charges. He lapsed into a coma and died on Nov. 11. His death is being investigated by the Police Department's Internal Affairs Bureau and the Manhattan District Attorney's office, which plans to present the case to a grand jury to determine if criminal charges are warranted against Officer Craig Yokemick, 31, who threw the radio.

Officer Yokemick has been stripped of his gun and placed on a modified assignment while the case is investigated. One of his lawyers,

Bruce Smirti, said yesterday that he would not discount the drug overdose theory until he could see the results of toxicology tests.

A lawyer for Mr. Banks's family, Jonathan S. Abady, said the autopsy findings should lay the theory of the drug overdose to rest. "The cause of death has now been forensically and independently determined," he said. "It is not cocaine-induced."

Mr. Smirti acknowledged for the first time yesterday that Officer Yokemick had thrown the walkie-talkie,

An autopsy finds cocaine use wasn't a factor in a death.

but he said it was a reasonable use of force in trying to catch a fleeing felony suspect.

"We are aware of no departmental orders, interim orders or patrol guide rules which prohibit a police officer from throwing his radio," Mr. Smirti said. "The individual had committed a felony. Officer Yokemick used reasonable physical force to prevent his escape from custody and effectuate his arrest."

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said: "There is no specific policy relative to the use of the radio as a weapon. As I've said before, it would be highly unusual for a police officer to use a radio as a projectile."

Officer Yokemick and his partner, whose name has not been made public, saw Mr. Banks involved in a drug deal on 177th Street and Madison Avenue on Oct. 29, according to police accounts. Mr. Banks, police officials said, ignored the officers' orders to stop and fled on his bicycle, and the officers pursued him by van. Along the way, Officer Yokemick jumped out of the van to continue the chase on foot.

At the intersection of 125th Street and Madison Avenue, witnesses and law enforcement officials said, Officer Yokemick threw his walkie-talkie at Mr. Banks, who fell off his bicycle. Mr. Banks was arrested on drug and weapons possession charges, the police said, because he was found with several vials of crack cocaine and a box cutter.

The Police Department initially told reporters that Mr. Banks had suffered several seizures while in custody at the 25th Precinct station house and was taken to Metropolitan Hospital, where he fell into a coma. They acknowledged that "a struggle" had taken place during his arrest only when confronted with the statements of witnesses who said that Mr. Banks was hit by the police officer's radio.

Mr. Safir said yesterday that investigators have yet to interview Officer Yokemick about the case. "If and when charges are pressed, we will suspend him," he said. "This is now a situation for the District Attorney and a grand jury — the criminal justice system."

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Man Is Charged in 1996 Killing of Philanthropist

By KIT R. ROANE

A wealthy philanthropist who originally appeared to have died of natural causes in 1996 had actually been killed, the police said yesterday in announcing that someone had been charged in his death.

The Bronx District Attorney, Robert T. Johnson, has charged Nikolai Amann, 15, with first-degree murder, robbery, burglary, criminal possession of stolen property and criminal possession of a weapon in the April 23, 1996, slaying of Alfred H. Howell at Mr. Howell's Riverdale mansion. If convicted, Mr. Amann could be eligible for the death penalty.

According to family members and law enforcement officials, Mr. How-

ell's butler found the 83-year-old millionaire lying next to his bed in a pool of blood on April 24, 1996. But when Mr. Howell's doctor and police detectives arrived at the mansion on Palace Avenue, they found nothing amiss and the elderly man's death was attributed to a heart attack.

But in September 1996, detectives in Harrison, N.Y., arrested Mr. Amann on unrelated burglary charges stemming from a break-in in Westchester County, prosecutors said. While in custody, Mr. Amann confessed to shooting Mr. Howell during a robbery at the mansion, said law enforcement officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The death was reclassified as a homicide this September, according

to prosecutors and family members.

Mr. Howell's son, Alfred Hunt Howell Jr., said yesterday that the case had been hampered by an inadequate investigation and resistance from the New York City Police Department.

"We have achieved this only through a series of opportunistic circumstances," he said.

Inspector Michael Collins, a spokesman for the New York City Police Department, declined to comment on the investigation into Mr. Howell's death.

Mr. Amann is currently serving a two- to four-year sentence at the Bare Hill prison in Franklin County, the police said.