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Queens man dies from wounds nearly two years after trying stop bar fight

Isteak Quadir tried to calm a brewing fight in The Hillside Inn in Jamaica, but cops say Quamaine Abernathy and David Louime brutally beat him. The 51-year-old Bangladeshi immigrant died after nearly two years in a vegetative state.

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Two years after Isteak Quadir, 51, was seriously injured trying to quell a brewing bar fight, the Queens man has died from his wounds, his family said.

The Bangladeshi immigrant's life took its tragic twist on Sept. 13, 2012, as he played some pool with friends in The Hillside Inn in Jamaica.

An argument erupted with two other men in the bar, identified by police as Quamaine Abernathy and David Louime.

After Quadir's friends scattered, the peace-loving immigrant stuck around to try and "smooth things over," a police source said.

But he was the only one in the bar trying to problem-solve.

One of the men punched him in the face, flooring him.

The other, believed to have been Louime, stomped him with repeated kicks to the head, according to cops.

Quadir, a waiter in Manhattan, was rushed in critical condition with severe brain damage to Jamaica Hospital.

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The Bangladeshi immigrant had been playing pool with friends at The Hillside Inn in Jamaica, Queens, when Quamaine Abernathy and David Louime allegedly punched him in the face and repeatedly kicked him in the head.

On Christmas Eve, he was transferred to a rehab center and connected to a ventilator so he could breathe.

Nurses said he was brain dead and in a semi-comatose state, with virtually no chance of recovering.



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The comatose 51-year-old died May 14 at Long Island Care Center, in Flushing. Abernathy and Louime may now be charged with murder.

"Half of his brain was bashed in," said Donald Morris, the center's administrator. "You could put your whole fist in his head."

"It's inhumane for someone to do that to another person."

Quadir's uncle, Elius Kabir, said the victim's attempt to calm tensions in the bar was no surprise.

"That was a nice thing to do," Kabir said. "He was always good-mannered, very polite and nice."

After nearly two years in a vegetative state, Quadir died May 14 at Long Island Care Center, in Flushing — and his death has been classified as a homicide.



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Elius Kabir, Quadir's uncle, says his U.S. citizenship paperwork had recently arrived in the mail.

Quadir died from "complications of remote blunt force injuries of head, with brain injuries," according to the Medical Examiner's office.

Louime, 29, was charged with attempted murder two months ago. He's being held at Rikers.

His lawyer, Mahmoud Rabah, said Louime did nothing wrong and will fight to clear his name.

Abernathy, also 29, was arrested the day after the 2012 incident and charged with assault. The case was sealed, though it wasn't clear why. He couldn't be reached for comment.

A police source said both men could be now charged with murder.

Quadir, who came to the United States in 1987, had a wife and family in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

His American citizen registration paperwork had recently arrived in the mail, his uncle said.

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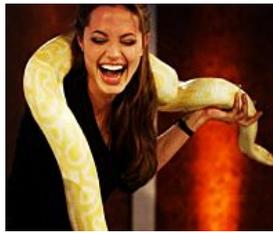
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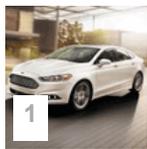
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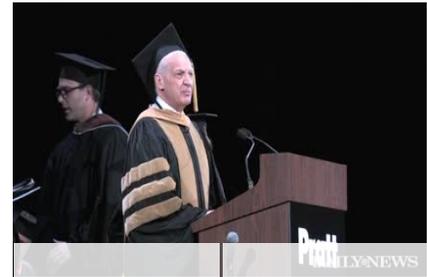
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