

Incident Report: NM-847-2-22-11

Reporting Officer: Sgt. Roza DeGarmo

Incident Location: Lower Queensway Ave., East QW Canal Dock

Incident Type: Assault/Battery/Second-Degree Murder

Charges: **NONE - E.M.**

Further Actions: **NONE - E.M.**

Incident Report:

At half-past the hour of Pearls, three patrolmen (Garrett, Reese, and Hennrick) and myself responded to a citizen's request for help at the East QW Canal Dock. We found two gondoliers severely beaten, one on the docks, one in his gondola. Both were unconscious, bleeding heavily, and appeared to have multiple broken bones. Injuries seemed to have been dealt by both weapons, including the gondoliers' poles, **(HA! seems ironic)** as well as bare fists. The men were taken back to the station for medical treatment and interrogation.

Upon arrival at the station, both gondoliers regained consciousness and gave their statements:

Alwin Solberg: Gondolier for 12 years. Criminal charges: None. **(yeah, right)** Stated he and his friend were approached by a group of six individuals (three men, one woman, two unknown) who seemed interested in hiring them for passage. The woman, who the others addressed as Thorn, began asking them questions about the kinds of things they learned on the canals, if they talked to spirits, and so on. Solberg and his friend became suspicious, and when they stopped answering questions, the attack began. Thorn asked them repeatedly what they knew about Kotar, Tya Laren, **(cultist, wanted by Wardens, not our problem)** and the "blood-iron ring." Solberg and his friend had no idea what Thorn was asking about and thus were beaten into unconsciousness. Solberg recalled that one of the men who attacked him was missing his left ear and had a long scar on the left side of his face.

"Slip": Gondolier for 15 years. Criminal charges: Unknown due to alias given. Story matches Solberg's; says he was thrown into his gondola and beaten with his pole **(why is this so fucking funny?)** until he blacked out. Recognized one of his attackers as a thug called Orrie Rennel, **(useful scum, bloodneedle addict, just out of Ironhook)** who he'd transported through NM on prior occasions. He said that the attackers came from a "circle of flame," which is probably just a concussion-induced hallucination. **(or some kind of weird spirit, let the Wardens sort it out.)**

Despite medical treatment, Solberg and Slip died of their injuries before dawn. Their bodies were immediately surrendered to the Wardens for cremation. The individuals identified have past affiliation with a gang called the Umbra Hunters. **(PAID UP - NO CHARGES FILED)**