

## **Teaneck Killings Laid to Chinese Gang's Power Struggle**

The New York Times

May 26, 1993, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final

Copyright 1993 The New York Times Company

**Distribution:** Metropolitan Desk

**Section:** Section B;; Section B; Page 5; Column 1; Metropolitan Desk; Column 1;

**Length:** 817 words

**Byline:** By ROBERT HANLEY,

By ROBERT HANLEY, Special to The New York Times

**Dateline:** TEANECK, N.J., May 25

### **Body**

---

The authorities said today that a power struggle within a Chinese gang in Manhattan was responsible for the violence that spilled over into a placid, upper-middle-class suburban neighborhood here Monday night, leading to the fatal shooting of four gang members and the wounding of a fifth.

Some law enforcement officials theorized that the struggle in the Fuk Ching gang was rooted in its lucrative criminal specialty -- smuggling illegal immigrants into the United States from Fujian Province in southern China. Officials say the immigrants are often charged \$30,000 to \$35,000 by gang members and then forced to pay off that debt through legitimate work or by slipping into crime, including extortion and prostitution.

In what some officials said was retaliation for the murder of two other gang members in Manhattan on Jan. 8, several men invaded a rented two-story brick home here with guns and knives shortly after 7 P.M. on Monday and systematically shot and stabbed four men in the house and a fifth after he fled outside.

#### Captured in Blood-Smeared Clothing

Later Monday night five men in blood-smeared clothing were captured in a van the police had stopped near the George Washington Bridge, about five miles east of Teaneck. This afternoon the five were ordered held in bail of \$1 million each by a New Jersey Superior Court Judge, Sybil R. Moses, in Hackensack.

The violence Monday night was totally alien to Somerset Road, a secluded world of lush green lawns and shrubs, towering oaks at curbside and backyard swing sets, sandboxes and gardens.

Law-enforcement officials said they believed that a fight over the proceeds from immigrant smuggling led to a split in the gang and the Jan. 8 murder of two members of a breakaway element in the Fuk Ching gang, whose name is an abbreviation of 'Fukien Chingnian,' which means 'young Fujianese.' Law-enforcement officials say the Fuk Ching gang, made up entirely of immigrants from Fujian Province, is not as well known as the Ghost Shadows or Born to Kill, but has grown in recent years together with the smuggling of human cargo. A vast majority of illegal immigrants from China come from Fujian Province and speak a Fujianese dialect of Chinese.

## Teaneck Killings Laid to Chinese Gang's Power Struggle

Officials speculated that the five gang members murdered or wounded here Monday night had remained faithful to the reputed head of Fuk Ching, identified as Guo Liang Chi, and were hunted down by allies of the two slain gang members. On March 7, the New York City police arrested two suspects in those deaths.

One of those slain Monday, identified as Guo Liang Wang, 25 years old, was described by officials as a younger brother of the gang leader, who is thought to have gone to China after the January **killings**.

Guo Liang Wang ran from the rented home at 1326 Somerset Road with a gunman in pursuit and was fatally wounded on a newly-mowed lawn on Wendel Place, around the corner from the house, officials said.

### 'Shot Execution Style'

Two of the victims were bound and gagged with duct tape and shot in the head several times in the basement of the home, said John F. Fahy, the Bergen County Prosecutor, who is in charge of the investigation. "Both were shot execution style at point-blank range," Mr. Fahy said.

One of them died at 3:30 this afternoon at Hackensack Medical Center, said a hospital spokeswoman, Anne Loughran. The other was in critical condition. Neither has been identified yet, Ms. Loughran said.

Another victim, who is also unidentified, was found dead of gunshot and stab wounds just inside the front door of the house, Mr. Fahy said. The body of another was found, also stabbed and shot, in a hallway off a first-floor bedroom. He was identified as Sheng Li Guang, 38, of 125 East Broadway in lower Manhattan.

One resident of Somerset Road said she saw the van in which the gunmen later fled, parked, with its engine running, on Somerset about 7 P.M. She said two men left the house and drove off in the van. About 20 minutes later, the woman said, she heard glass shattering at the home and noticed a man fleeing and another chasing him with a gun.

### 'Pow! Pow! Pow!'

"He just bolted from the front door and ran after him shooting -- Pow! Pow! Pow!" the woman said.

Although each of the five men taken before Judge Moses in Hackensack was charged with murder, authorities did not make clear which, if any of them, had actually fired a weapon at the home on Somerset.

Only one suspect, Jeffrey Zhu, 20, said he spoke English. He said he was naturalized as an American citizen three or four years ago and worked at a deliveryman in Boston.

An interpreter translated the bail proceedings for the four other suspects: identified as Cho Lee Lin, 35; Yun Lin, 22, of New York; Xin Dan Lin, 32, of Hackensack, and Chao Lin Feng, 20, of 5416 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn.

Judge Moses entered not-guilty pleas for all five.

## Graphic

---

Photo: Four people were fatally shot and one wounded at 1326 Somerset Road in **Teaneck**, N.J., on Monday night. The authorities said a **power struggle** within the Fuk Ching **Chinese** gang in Manhattan was responsible for the violence. Investigators stood at the crime scene yesterday. (John Sotomayor/The New York Times)

## Classification

---

## Teaneck Killings Laid to Chinese Gang's Power Struggle

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Subject:** ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (89%); GANGS (89%); SHOOTINGS (89%); MURDER (89%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (89%); SMUGGLING (89%); ALIEN SMUGGLING (89%); POLICE FORCES (78%); STABBINGS (78%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (77%); ARRESTS (77%); HOMICIDE (76%); EXTORTION (75%); SUBURBS (72%); LAW COURTS & TRIBUNALS (65%); JUDGES (50%)

**Company:** FUK CHING (CHINESE GANG)

**Organization:** FUK CHING (CHINESE GANG)

**Geographic:** NEW YORK, NY, USA (93%); FUJIAN, CHINA (92%); SOUTH CHINA (92%); NEW YORK, USA (79%); NEW JERSEY, USA (79%); CHINA (94%); UNITED STATES (92%)

**Load-Date:** May 26, 1993

---

End of Document