

**SPECIAL
REPORT**

Murder of Internet Evangelist in New Jersey

Did Muslims target him?

We asked Truth For Muslims researcher, Andrew Frenchman, to dig into the case of the murdered Egyptian internet evangelist and uncover the facts. Andrew's research is summarized here. His full report is available on our web site at, www.truthformuslims.com.

On January 14, 2005, police officers in Jersey City, New Jersey broke down the door of a two story house on Oakland Avenue. It was the home of Hossam Armanious, his wife and two daughters, ages 15 and 8. The parents had not reported for work for two days and on request from Hossam's brother-in-law, police entered the house. What was discovered was the brutal murder of all four family members.

This case is of special interest because Hossam Armanious was known for his outspoken witness to Muslims on the internet site called PalTalk. His user name on the site as he shared

with Muslims was "I Love Jesus".

Hossam and his family were members of the Coptic Christian minority in Egypt. They came to the United States in 1997. Hossam had traveled back to Egypt for a visit as late as 2002. All four family members had crosses tattooed on their right wrists.

One disturbing fact in the case is the reluctance of law enforcement authorities to give details about that case. Normally it takes about 48 hours to get autopsy and toxicology reports back, but the autopsy will not be released until March 14.

Conflicting reports from law enforcement authorities have been confusing. Was robbery a motive for the murders? At times the authorities in the case have made statements that robbery might be a motive, but the fact that valuables were not stolen and statements from other witnesses to the crime scene do not make robbery a likely motive for the murders.

Currently local law enforcement authorities as well as the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are working on the case.

Some have speculated about Hossam and his family being targeted by Muslims who did not like his bold and outspoken witness

for his Coptic Christian faith. Rumors about the stabbing of the cross on one of the daughter's wrists does not seem to be an accurate portrayal of the truth.

The actual murders and a few other facts lead us to believe that the family was most likely murdered by Muslims who targeted the family for their outspoken faith and resistance to Islamic doctrine.

The method of murder was brutal; all four family members had their throats slit and other punctures near their necks have been reported.

Additionally, Hossam received death threats on the internet from Muslims who he dialogued with in Arabic on the PalTalk web site. It has also been reported that a radical Islamic web site (barsomyat.com) systematically tracked Hossam and posted his photographs and other information about him online.

Barsomyat.com was shut down by the hosting company in Minnesota after a Muslim posted a message stating, "they got what they deserved for their actions in America". Another Muslim left a message stating that the family was slaughtered "as a punishment from the heavens" to those who curse Mohammed.

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