

SHOOTING

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You did a good job, fellas. You jumped into the case without warning, worked hard and pulled together the main facts, despite the lack of police sources that the competition had. Al Baker helped you get rolling but you had to deliver the goods.

The story is well organized and clearly written. When you look at the tabloids the next morning, you can see their sensational tone. You walked a more careful line (as did Al and the more restrained Times).

How could story be stronger? More on the love triangle and on the trio's escape from the World Trade Center (an angle that apparently emerged later in the evening). With more time and contacts, you might have developed those elements. In that regard, you made a tactical slip by leaving the scene and returning to school. You should have stayed there and tried to nail interviews of people being released from the building. You might have gotten lucky and found co-workers who could have filled in details on the triangle and perhaps someone might have mentioned the WTC situation.

Of course, this is 20/20 hindsight. The main thing is that you pounced on the opportunity and produced a solid story. So take a bow. SG

P.S. Always check out the competition morning after you file (ever instructive) and always lug that little green book.

Three people died Monday morning when a former FBI special agent fatally shot two fellow employees [at](#) an insurance company two blocks south of Times Square [and](#); then turned a gun on himself;_ in what police [called](#) ~~said was~~ an act of rage over a romantic [relationship](#) gone sour.

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The gunman, identified as John Harrison, 53, an executive vice president in the fraud division of the Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, summoned two subordinates, [THINK WE CAN SAY THAT THOUGH NOT CLEAR AS TO THEIR JOBS]~~called employees~~ Vincent LaBianca, 33, and Isabel Munoz, 36, into his 11th-floor corner office, the police said. He then fired several ~~several~~ rounds with two pistols, shooting LaBianca and Munoz in the face and body before pointing ~~pointing~~ one of the guns in his mouth and firing, the police said.

A man who worked directly for Harrison but declined to give his last name said his boss had been in a bad mood recently.

“The last couple of weeks he’s locked himself in his office,” the man said.

[GOOD GOING. WISH YOU HAVE GOTTEN MORE. THINK YOU SAID YOU TEL. NUMBER. DID HE DECLINE FURTHER COMMENT WHEN YOU CALLED?]

Munoz, of Valley Stream, ~~Stream-on~~ Long Island, had been romantically involved with both men, police sources said. Harrison was married and resided in Mount Holly, N.J., the police said.

All three worked in the company’s fraud division, according to the Associated Press. They moved with the company to its new offices located at 1440 Broadway in December of last year. All three survived the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center, where Empire’s offices had been located, the police said. [SURVIVAL ANGLE: DEVELOP MORE FULLY]

Police received the first 911 call regarding the shooting at 8:24 a.m. ~~m.~~ ~~Officers~~They arrived to find Harrison slumped against a wall, LaBianca in a chair, and Munoz on the floor, the ~~police~~y-said. All three-were dead upon arrival.

The police Emergency Services Unit searched floor by floor, a move Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said was ~~routine~~just procedure.

A .45-caliber Glock semi-automatic was found on the desk and an emptied 9 mm Smith & Wesson was ~~lying~~on the floor.

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FBI spokeswoman Sandra Carroll said Harrison was a special agent for 11 years until Oct. 13, 1989. Police reported LaBianca, of Old Bridge, N.J., was a former Port Authority police officer, but Port Authority spokesman Alan Hicks said LaBianca never worked for the agency.

Police shut down the building soon after arriving and closed two lanes on Broadway between 40~~th~~st and 41~~st~~st Streets. Building employees were kept inside. Pedestrians were shunted onto the opposite sidewalk and hundreds gathered to watch the scene. Many of the onlookers were stylishly dressed, as the building, in the fashion district, was occupied by a number of glamorous businesses, including ~~clothier~~ Liz ~~Claborne~~Claborne and Seventeen ~~m~~Magazine.

“I thought it was thunder,” said Richard Restrepo, a 21-year-old electrician from Queens who was working two floors below the shooting. “I didn’t think guns, but ~~20~~twenty minutes later we looked out the window and saw cops and thought maybe it was a bomb scare.”

Margo Singleton was on her way to work in the accounting department of WOR Television on the 23rd floor when she saw the commotion. She said people looked panicked as they stood in the lobby. A woman was outside crying.

“I felt terror and thought it was some kind of terror attack,” she said. “You just have to watch yourself when you see people coming out frantically.” [\[VERY GOOD WORK\]](#)

After learning the event was an isolated shooting and not a terror attack, Singleton said she felt ~~strangely~~ relieved. [\[HMM. A BIT OBSCURE. WHY STRANGELY?\]](#)

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