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Wreadin' Writin' 'n' Wreminiscin'

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Welcome to Greenwich Connecticut, circa 1962, and the saga begins... We all had a classmate who started GHS in our year but ended up graduating a year after us... maybe! Richard "Dick" Delage was a friendly "somewhat nerdy" individual with a big brain but small stature. He appears in Compass '62 in the Astronomy Club standing next to Gary Derbenwick... but now here else. Several weeks ago, George **DEVOL** wrote in an eMail..."What ever happened to... our most infamous classmate" and I put the question to all of you. What follows is the results of that polling:



Whatever Happened to???

Richard "Dick" Delage aka Shotgun Delage

Class of '63

Disclaimer:

All of this is speculative, even though we have received what could be called a "confirmation". There is no presumption of Guilt. The writer's of each listing will remain anonymous (any distinguishing names or references have been edited out). All statements shall be considered "Third Party" in nature and therefore be considered hearsay.

"From what I remember, he was a real strange person. Shortly after high school he was picked up for pulling a gun on someone (in Stamford I think). He was basically a rapist and at sometime in the 60s he killed a couple of girls. He didn't get caught right away and had gotten married. Somehow a few years later they nailed him for the two murders (which I think happened somewhere here in CT), after they got him they were also able to pin him for about 4 or 5 other murders (I think in NY state). He either got sent away for life or possibly was executed. I don't think it got the same publicity as today's serial killers - I guess he was a fore-runner! I can't really recall the exact time frame that he got caught, but I would guess it was either in the late 60s or early 70s."

"At best I can remember Dick Delage was reported to have shot a girl who had rejected him... that's how he got the name 'Shotgun' Delage"

"Don't spread this around until confirmed, but I'm almost sure that Dick Delage walked into the state mental hospital in 1966 or 67 and turned himself in as the "Merritt Parkway Murderer". Beginning in high school and continuing for years after graduation, he would cruise the Merritt looking for single women with car breakdowns. Then he'd strangle them. My brother became a big lawyer in Stamford and Greenwich and knows all about it. I'll double check my facts with him and let you know. In any case, if I'm correct, I don't think Dick is someone you want to 'highlight' in your new sletter."

"If I'm not mistaken, I believe 'Old Richard' (Delage) is in prison somewhere in upstate New York and not about to get out anytime soon. I'm guessing that Richard disappeared for a while in high school due to an incident concerning a shotgun and a brief appearance at Caldor's discount store. Am I right Bob or do I have to wait for the August new sletter?"

"I heard a terrible story about Delage. It was going around quite a few years ago. He supposedly picked up young girls in his van raped them and threw their bodies out of his van on the Merritt Parkway at night. I heard he was still in prison. Anybody else say anything about it?"

"Yikes! Our own serial killer. I used to know the details, but it's been too long. You know the broad strokes: Dick Delage got his nickname "shotgun" when he was found with one at the Stamford Caldor garage. He murdered young women around the Storrs, Ct area and along I-91 (he was married and had kids I believe) He is in jail (or hospitalized) in upstate NY. I believe it was his mother who just died a few weeks ago (age 99) and he was listed as living in some obscure NY town... I'll bet Mike (bleep) who lived in Storrs at the time (and still does) would remember. I wonder if that sort of info is on the web somewhere? They were ghastly murders. Bob (bleep) lived in Longmeadow, Mass at the time and followed the story pretty closely. (bleep) now lives in (bleep), AZ and I've lost touch with him, alas."

"Off the top of my head I remember Delage shooting a girl, who rejected him, using a shotgun. So we all named him "Shotgun Delage". I'm not sure what he is doing today, I'll research it."

"Delage and I went to St. Catherine School together. We had a Mr. Richard's teach us to dance, girls on one side, boys on the other. I was tall for my age and had boobs, he was short and liked to dance with me (guess where his head was). Every time he ran across the room to ask me to dance I said no. My Dad said (jokingly) that it was all my fault he turned to crime, if I only would dance with him. Ha, ha, ha."

"This is my recollection. I'm not sure if it is totally accurate but it can be checked. In the late 60's a UConn coed named Paget Weatherly (sp?) was murdered. The crime went unsolved for some time. Subsequently Dick Delage was arrested in relation thereto. I believe he was either tried and convicted or sent to a mental facility for his involvement. Shocking as this may be, I believe he was also involved in an incident when he was 16, just after he received his drivers license in Stamford, involving forceful restraint of a woman. This original incident leads me to give credence to his involvement in the Weatherly murder. I'm sorry to relate this and please note, this is my (hazy) recollection of sketchy news articles and gossip of some 35 or so years ago!"

"Received the following info from my brother, (bleep). (bleep) became a very successful criminal lawyer in Greenwich/Stamford and is a regular on Court TV and Fox. He has an incredible memory so I believe the following note he sent me can be taken as gospel re Dick Delage."

"Dick Delage became a serial killer. His most famous victim was a young girl outside of UConn named Paget Weatherly. He confessed to several murders and I believe is doing life either in prison or in Whiting Forensic Institute for the Criminally Insane.. This may account for his absence at the last several reunions."

"Incidentally, what do you think it means when the most famous graduate in the Class of '62, is a serial killer?"