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‘1976 - Polly Stadelman – Hair Tiz Bar Co-Owner in Tucson, Arizona’



Title: ‘1976 - Polly Stadelman – Hair Tiz Bar – Co-Owner in Tucson, Arizona’

Date: 1976

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Polly Stadelman – Hair Tiz Bar – Co-Owner – At Hair Tiz Bar in Tucson, Arizona

Description: Photographic exhibit of Polly Stadelman – Hair Tiz Bar – Co-Owner – At the Hair Tiz Bar in Tucson, Arizona sitting at bar, with white purse, cocktail with cocktail straw, various denominations

of United States currency, open book of matches on top of currency, bar customer dressed in Drag in photo background (aka 'Crossdresser' - 1976 terminology).

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Frank Tony 'Anthony' Zedar, a 23 year old Gay Man in Tucson Arizona who was attending the University of Arizona on scholarship was lured to the apartment of Robert E. Simpson and beaten to death with repeated blows to his head. The murder then wrapped up and moved Mr. Zedar's body to an empty dirt lot in Tucson where Robert E. Simpson finished covering Zedar's lifeless body in combustible materials and gasoline attempting to destroy the body and the evidence of Simpson's Gay Hate Crime Murder by then burning it.

The Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Coroner's Office however were not at all ever fooled by that attempt.

Thinking he had likely gotten away with murder and was not being followed or suspected, Robert E. Simpson soon fled Tucson and relocated to Illinois. Once there Simpson gained employment as an Illinois State Prison Guard.

While driving one day Simpson crashed into another car causing damage and injuries then fled the scene adding a hit & run level to the crash. Within hours police were able to stop Simpson's car by finally blocking it. Simpson then jumped out of his car and ran from police starting a long foot chase finally requiring the police officers to physically subdue Simpson to keep him from getting away.

Once arrested and handcuffed, Simpson soon fully confessed to the arresting police officer of his murdering the young man in Tucson, Arizona because he was Gay.

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