

Abdulah killed in argument

Abdulah is dead.

The big shiny black man on the EMU terrace who wore a turban and flowing robes, played a battered Martin D-18 and had a voice that went from cold jack-hammer to fine silk-dust. Remember? The guy who would give his songs away and then put down his guitar to deliver those fanatically brilliant lectures on Islam. He's dead.

Abdulah, who moved from his house on Onyx St. to a commune in Southern Oregon sometime in March, died from a single shotgun blast on May 7 after a confrontation with one of his neighbors.

Abdulah Zaid, 32, also known as Joseph McClean, apparently traded in his guitar for a gun and took his Moslem beliefs to the people of a small commune town near California called Takilma.

Michael Rogers, the 30 year old man who shot Abdulah, has been cleared by a grand jury of murder charges and the killing was found to be justifiable.

Robert Burrows, district attorney for Josephine County, conducted an investigation of the killing. The events that he reported were detailed in the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Burrows says that Michael Rogers, or Black Michael as he is known to residents, had befriended Abdulah and the other Moslems who arrived in Takilma a few months ago. But their friendship deteriorated, according to Burrows, as Abdulah tried to convert Rogers to Islam with "emotional tirades and actual insults."

It is reported that on the day before the killing Abdulah came by Rogers' commune—The Little Funky Egg Company—and saw Rogers' lady working in the garden, naked to her waist. Abdulah became upset (Moslem women must remain covered from the mouth down), knocked her down and beat her with a stick.

Burrows says that Rogers, upon returning to the commune and learning of the incident, went out looking for Abdulah. When he found him along Takilma Rd. Abdulah handed him a loaded rifle and told Rogers to shoot him if he had done wrong.

According to Burrows the rifle was put aside but later that evening Abdulah challenged Rogers to a duel, to take place on the following day.

The grand jury found that Abdulah arrived at the Little Funky Egg Company at about 3 p.m. on Monday, May 7, armed with a .38 caliber revolver and a rifle. According to Burrows, Rogers was in the process of packing up his stuff to move from the area. When told there was no need for weapons, Abdulah cocked his rifle and laid it on the trunk of a car behind him. There were at least 6 people gathered around.

Abdulah then proceeded to give what Burrows interprets as a "psychotic tirade," calling the people of the commune oppressors "honkies" and "crackers." According to Burrows, Abdulah was arbitrarily pointing his revolver as his emotion gathered momentum.

Burrows says that Abdulah then threatened Rogers with, "I'm going to kill you, you back-door nigger." Abdulah then turned quickly, presumably towards the cocked rifle. Rogers, who had been holding a .20 gauge shotgun during the confrontation, shot Abdulah in the back.

He died at approximately 5 p.m. in the back of an ambulance.

Few things are known about Abdulah. What brought him to embrace his ideas so passionately? What places had he been before Oregon? Was he serious about all those things he said?

One of the few things he was careful about in conversations was not to deal too much with the past. He felt he had something important to say about now, that had to be said now. Though in his stories there were glimpses:

Born in New York City, parents who died when he was young, raised on ghetto streets, a third grade education, reform school, prison and a New York State mental hospital—all because, as he put it: "I refused to take abuse."

In an interview this fall with George Buddy of the Emerald, Abdulah briefly sketched his musical evolution: A Greenwich Village scene around the time when Dylan was making it; traveling around the country playing and singing Motown recording contracts, a little money and broken promises; gigs with Joy of Cooking, Van Morrison and others and more travelling around and playing until he reached a stage of disillusionment with the music industry and he started playing his songs for free to anyone who'd listen.

His life also moved through different levels of struggle as a black man. From a civil-rights activist in Georgia to a rioter in Watts, conversion to the Black Moslems in prison and a final conversion to orthodox Islam (a religion that affirms the equality of all men).

On the EMU terrace Abdulah would scream out a mixture of his personal and Moslem beliefs.

Hate me, curse me, love me, kill me, his body and voice would cry. "But man, don't just sit there." He would point to the chiseled Latin words on the buildings around campus and ask if the students were thinking about "brotherhood, unity or freedom?" Abdulah was convinced that everyone was guilty of oppression either succumbing to or enforcing it. And he acted as though he were the only one who knew.

He'd take his big guitar-calloused hand up next to some EMU coffee-drinker's head and say: "I'm going to hit you, man! What are you going to do?" Most people answered with, "I don't know."

"Man, you'd run away, or cry or hit me back or block it. But don't tell me you don't know," Abdulah would tell them.

Eugene didn't know. Eugene didn't really care. Eugene, and especially the University, has people and things like Krishnas, chanting Buddhists, Jesus Freaks, Fred Loveys, half-naked girls and weird music coming out of its ears.

Eugene was like an incubator for Abdulah. He came up for some supplies on a rainy April day with his knapsack and rifle and played some harmonica inside the EMU. He talked some of his same old stuff and also explained his move: "I've had enough of you-all. I'm sick of trying. The world's going to end soon and I'm going back into the woods to stay."

Abdulah was buried by his Moslem brothers in the Granite Hill Cemetery in Grants Pass on

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