

Brainwashed - MIA ZAPATA MURDER SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

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Almost ten years ago, the body of singer Mia Zapata was found on a street curb in Seattle, WA. She had been strangled with her own sweatshirt tie, as well as sexually assaulted, and was laid out in a Christ pose, carefully placed. Zapata was the singer of the Gits, a punk band on the brink of stardom following the signings of Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and Nirvana. Her death and the circumstances surrounding it inspired the creation of Home Alive, a non-profit self defense initiative to teach men and women self defense for free so that, unlike Mia, they could "make it home alive." Until now, there were no leads in her case, with private investigators and a feature on Unsolved Mysteries turning up little. This week, police in Miami, FL, arrested a man who was living in Seattle at the time of the murder, and whose DNA profile matches the one left at the scene of the crime. Jesus C. Mezquia, a transient who has lived on both coasts, was charged with first-degree murder. It is likely he will be extradited to Washington for trial. For more information, see the following articles: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/West/01/12/singer.slaying.ap/>
<http://www.msnbc.com/news/858134.asp>

For information on Home Alive, as well as the two benefit CDs they've released, go here:

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