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## **COLD CASE HOMICIDE: SEAN FRANCE**

Sean France was born in Georgetown Guyana in 1968. He moved from Guyana to Brooklyn, New York in the late 1970's. Sean was the oldest of four children. Life was good for him and his family. His parents worked very hard at instilling a strong work ethic for each of the children. His parents taught their children they could be or do whatever they dreamed with hard work and a good education.

Sean knew he wanted to be an auto mechanic at a very early age. He received his high school diploma in automotive studies in 1987. He applied and was accepted to Denver Automotive and Diesel College that same year and moved to Denver, Colorado.

Sean joined the US Army in the late 1980's and was promoted to Specialist (E-4). Sean served his country as a reservist until the time of his death. Sean met his wife at Celebrity Sports Center in Glendale. They fell in love almost immediately.

Sean loved music and was an amateur DJ. Sean was a devoted husband and a good father to his daughter, Passion and to his son, Sean France Jr. He valued his children and spent a lot of time with them. He could be seen most mornings walking them to the pre-school center in their east Denver neighborhood.

In 1991, Sean finished school and was trying to open his auto repair shop, specializing in engines. He was described by many as a talented mechanic. Sean was building a well-planned life for his family. He used to say he'd be ready to retire by 40 if they followed his plan. The family looked up to him and believed he could do anything!

The night of February 20, 1993, Sean, 24, had been out with his family, looking for a new car. It was about 9:00 p.m. when they returned home, and Sean received a call from his friends. They wanted a ride home from work, which wasn't too far from where Sean and his family lived. Sean told his wife he was going to pick them up and they were going to come back to the house and hang out for the rest of the night. He put on his jacket and kissed her goodbye. She told him she loved him and he told her he loved her, and walked out the door.



The friends he was meeting were childhood friends from Brooklyn. They followed him from New York to Denver. Sean's friends had a friend who was a DJ and they wanted to see him perform at a night club called "Al's Palace" in Glendale. Sean agreed to give them a ride to "Al's Palace" located in the 4400 block of Leetsdale Drive.

They arrived at the club at around 1:15 a.m. on February 21, 1993. Sean parked his car, but before Sean's friends could exit, a gunman opened fire on Sean's car. Sean was struck in the head by a single bullet. Sean's car left its parked position and rolled down a hill until it collided into a parked car across the street.

The Glendale Police and Fire Rescue responded and Sean was rushed by ambulance to nearby University Hospital. Sean's wife was contacted and rushed to the hospital, where she was able to say goodbye to Sean before he succumbed to his injury.

The Glendale Police Department investigated this murder and found no evidence that Sean or his friends were involved in gangs or any illegal activity. Sean's family and friends said Sean did not have any known enemies. A motive for the shooting has not yet been determined.

Sean left behind a loving wife, a five-year-old daughter and his three-year-old son. Sean's wife said, "we were happy people. He didn't deserve this and we didn't deserve this. I wish he were still here to see how well the kids have done and how his son is a spitting image of him." The Glendale Police Department has recently reviewed this case and is looking for any information in regard to this crime.



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