

Spellman      Wab. Post:

Late that evening (7/15/7/16), intense gunfire broke out three blocks from their building at 322 Hunterdon St. During about 40 minutes more than 500 rounds were fired by military and police at snipers.

Mrs. Spellman, sitting on the sofa in her living room, pulled her curtain back about three inches to see what was going on. Bullets immediately ripped through her shoulder and neck.

Meanwhile, police, Sharon said, came in and stuck a white sheet in the window to stop their fellow officers outside from firing. But, Sharon said, state police rushed into the building firing shots in the corridors.

"They told us to 'get out black asses out of her,'" she said.

The police didn't appear to be sorry for what happened, she said. After the ambulance took Mrs. Spellman away, they left as quickly as they came..

Mrs. Spellman, 41, born April 5, 1926, died the next day at City Hospital.

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