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West Hollywood triple murder victims identified – may be connected to medical marijuana

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West Hollywood, California - The three men shot dead last night in West Hollywood were identified by the Coroner's Office this afternoon.

The trio was identified as Pirooz Moussazadeh, 27; his brother, Shahriar Moussazadeh, 38; and Bernard Khalili, 27, according to Craig Harvey, chief of investigations for the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

According to an anonymous source, the triple slaying could be related to medical marijuana. Soon after the WeHo news reported the shooting of three men in a West Hollywood apartment, a person operating an area medical marijuana dispensary called in to report that they feared that one of their vendors (go-betweens between legal growers and legal dispensaries) was one of the victims.

That person provided a previously unreleased apartment number belonging to one of the victims that checked with WeHo News' research as the location of the killings.

According to the source, Mr. Pirooz (AKA: Petey) Moussazadeh shared apartment 204 in the Kings Arms Apartment Complex at 612 Kings Road in West Hollywood with his brother

Mr. Khalili, the alleged vendor, was apparently visiting them.

According to WeHo News's anonymous source, "I know Petey (Pirooz) was in the game, but I don't know if he had a store, distributed or what. I do know he was involved in some way with medical cannabis."

The source told WeHo News that Mr. Moussazadeh's friend had just harvested and that, as far as they knew, Mr. Moussazadeh was allegedly, "helping him trim their harvest, you know." The source told WeHo News, before the coroner confirmed Mr. Khalili's identity, that he, "never lets his calls go to voicemail; I've never left a message for him ever because he always answers on the first or second ring. It's been going right to voicemail all morning. "His friends are all calling me freaking out."

The source said that, "Bernie was probably an innocent bystander, hanging out in the wrong place at the wrong time."

As to the slayings, "I do know," said our source, "that it's harvest season, and that's what happens up north during harvest season a lot of times."

Sheriff detectives have not ruled out a connection between the homicides and medical marijuana.