

# BEATEN BICYCLIST DEAD OF INJURIES

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Friends Begin Fund to Find  
Youth Who Beat Illustrator  
in Central Park Friday  
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Roger Hane, 36-year-old magazine illustrator, died yesterday in Lenox Hill Hospital of injuries suffered Friday evening when he was beaten and robbed of his new bicycle in Central Park. (14 Jun)

Earlier in the day, friends and associates of Mr. Hane, whose most recent work was featured in New York magazine's current series titled "The Illustrated Secret History of Watergate," announced that they had begun raising a \$5,000 fund for the arrest and conviction of his assailant.

Mr. Hane, who lived with his wife at 131 East 93d Street, was attacked while testing an imported 10-speed bicycle in the area of the park's East Drive and 85th Street. According to the police, he was beaten over the head by a youth who stole the bicycle.

Miss Elaine Sorel, Mr. Hane's agent, said the illustrator had only recently purchased the bicycle "for relaxation from his work." The reward, he said, "is the very least we can do for someone who was kind and gentle who brought dignity to everything he did."

## Work in Many Magazines

Miss Sorel said that Mr. Hane's work had appeared in such magazines as Fortune, Playboy, Ladies' Home Journal, Life and Look.

Mr. Hane, who was born in Bradford, Pa., had studied at the Philadelphia Museum.

In another incident in Central Park Thomas E. Aitken, 19, was found stabbed and unconscious, with his pockets empty, at 6:40 A.M. yesterday in bushes in the Ramble. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital in critical condition.

Mr. Aitken's address was listed as 1-05 Astoria Boulevard in Long Island City, Queens.

About 40 regular patrolmen and four sergeants operate in Central Park on a 24-hour schedule, reinforced by mounted patrolmen and auxiliary police.

A Police Department report, covering the period from January through the end of April, disclosed that there had been no homicides, 101 robberies and one rape case in the park.