

Fringe mayoral hopeful found tied

A little-known primary candidate for mayor was found tied to a tree and doused with gasoline in Brooklyn early yesterday, police said.

James McMillan, 46, of Brooklyn, told police he had been kidnaped by four to five men, pushed into a car and driven to a wooded area off the Belt Parkway near the Shore Parkway.

He said his alleged kidnapers fled without setting him afire. He was found by police sometime before 4 a.m. yesterday.

McMillan did not return a telephone message left on his answering machine. According to the cable TV station New York 1, McMillan is a former postal worker, Vietnam veteran and martial arts teacher running for mayor in the Democratic primary. He filed for public campaign financing in early May under the name Jimmy McMillan, without specifying a party.

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