



## DON'S VICIOUS FINAL MESSAGE; LASHED OUT AT GAL'S GAB

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Hours before she took her life, tragic mob moll Marjorie Alexander got a nasty phone call from her lover, Peter Gotti - who ripped her for being too public about their relationship, sources close to the Gambino crime boss said yesterday.

Gotti didn't appreciate the publicity Alexander, 43, brought to his case after her name came up at a court hearing last week, sources said.

But yesterday, Gotti, who remains in Brooklyn federal lock-up awaiting sentencing, was devastated by his gal pal's death.

He heard the tragic news from inmates who'd seen it on TV.

"The guy's distraught. There are tears streaming down his face," said a prison source, who added that Gotti asked for medication to make him sleep.

Lawyer Joseph DiBenedetto, who visited the Gambino Godfather yesterday morning, said Gotti was in shock.

"If there's anyone closer to an angel than her, I would really like to meet them," Gotti told DiBenedetto.

"He does feel like an angel has been taken from him. She was a beautiful person with many talents," DiBenedetto said.

Another Gotti lawyer, Gerald Shargel, said it's wrong to suggest a "causal connection" between Alexander's death and the call she received from Gotti.

"No single person or event was mentioned" in the suicide letters Alexander left behind, said Detective Sgt. Richard Laursen of the Nassau County police.

Alexander had been despondent for some time over Gotti's arrest and the possibility that, at age 64, he faced a 15-year prison stretch on racketeering charges.

In one of several letters last year to Brooklyn federal Judge Frederic Block, who presided at Gotti's trial, she mentioned being on Prozac, which she called a life-saving medication.

She left behind three suicide letters - one mailed to her estranged husband and teenaged sons, one to a friend and one found by her body - in which she was "introspective," said Laursen.

The police investigation revealed that Alexander was probably more depressed six months ago than in the days before she died, Laursen said. Nonetheless, Laursen said, the letters she wrote when she died were "typical of the letters that you get when a person considers suicide."

When she was last seen on Monday evening, Alexander checked into the Red Roof Inn in Westbury at 5:29 p.m. and told the staff she didn't want to be disturbed. Hotel security records show she left her room that evening between 7 and 8 p.m., likely to mail at least two suicide notes, police said.

On Tuesday afternoon, Alexander's family in Rockville Centre reported her missing to Nassau police. When Alexander's female friend received her suicide letter on Wednesday, she immediately called cops.

Around 2 p.m. Wednesday, a maid at the Red Roof Inn had trouble entering Alexander's room - so she sought help from the manager, Peter Reyes.

Inside, Reyes found Alexander dead on her bed, clothed in the same faded jeans and white blouse she wore Monday when she was photographed by The Post and other newspapers, police said.

Alexander had used duct tape to secure a plastic bag to her head. Beside her, police found an empty prescription bottle that had contained 30 pills of Flurazepam, a sleeping pill. Besides the suicide notes, she left a note to the motel maid, "expressing her apology" for having killed herself in the room, Laursen said. Police are awaiting toxicology tests to determine for sure what drugs Alexander took, Laursen said.

Though they're convinced Alexander took her own life, Laursen said authorities still plan a thorough investigation. Gotti is estranged from his wife of 42 years - who wrote Judge Block that she wants him to get the maximum sentence.

DiBenedetto said Gotti "wants to make it clear that his relationship with Marjorie developed originally as a true friendship . . . and the friendship then developed into a loving relationship.

"Obviously, he sends his condolences to the entire family."

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