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Subject: Do you really want the front seat?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I mean **REALLY** want the front seat? Apparently it is customary in some places, however not mandatory. Based on the appended I'd say give it to him.

In Solidarity,

Murray Douglas
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S&C Officer

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LOUISVILLE, KY. MARCH 7, 1994

LOCATION: HAZARD, KY.
INJURED: ENGINEER, J.B. KINGSTON, AGE 33, 9 YEARS SERVICE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS, MARCH 5, 1994, WHILE PASSENGER IN COMPANY PROVIDED VEHICLE, IN HAZARD, ENGINEER J.B. KINGSTON WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY FIREARM. TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE TO ST. JOHNS HOSPITAL. ADMITTED AND IS PRESENTLY IN INTENSIVE CARE.

ALL FACTS HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED BUT FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS AS PROVIDED BY WITNESSES.

ENGINEER J.B. KINGSTON, CONDUCTOR R.L. MIZE, WERE RELIEVED OFF TRAIN S287 AT 1330 HOURS. CREW REPORTEDLY WAITED 15 TO 20 MINUTES ON TRANSPORTATION TO DELIVER THEM TO OFF DUTY POINT. ACCORDING TO THE TAXI DRIVER, MR. KINGSTON GOT INTO FRONT SEAT OF VAN. MR. MIZE ASKED MR. KINGSTON TO GET OUT SO HE COULD RIDE IN THE FRONT. MR. KINGSTON REFUSED AND BOTH PARTIES EXCHANGED WORDS AND A FIGHT ERUPTED. MR. KINGSTON, STILL IN THE VAN, PUNCHED AND KICKED MR. MIZE. MR. MIZE WENT TO REAR OF VAN AND RETURNED WITH A SMALL CALIBER HANDGUN AND ONCE AGAIN DEMANDED THAT HE GET OUT OF THE VAN. MR. KINGSTON AGAIN REFUSED AND WAS SHOT TWICE BY MR. MIZE, ONCE IN THE RIGHT THIGH AND ONCE IN THE BUTTOCKS.

A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IS NOW GOING ON IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE EXACTLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS CALAMITY. IN THE PAST, IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY, BUT NOT MANDATORY, TO LET THE CONDUCTOR SIT IN THE FRONT SEAT.

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES HAD BEEN ADHERED TO. ALL EMPLOYEES ARE REMINDED THAT WEAPONS OF ANY TYPE ARE PROHIBITED ON COMPANY PROPERTY.

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