

Westchester's Dart Sniper Strikes Again

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The mysterious sniper who has attacked nearly 20 women in Westchester County this summer with a dart-gun has struck again after almost a month of inactivity, the Yonkers police said yesterday.

They reported that the sniper struck a 52-year-old woman at about 11 P.M. on Friday. The woman, Barbara Macheinski, of 30 Beverly Drive, Rye, was visiting her mother, who lives at 9 Sunnysbrook Road in Yonkers.

Mrs. Macheinski was sitting on the edge of a bed in a first-floor bedroom when the attack occurred, the police said.

"Something like the kick of a mule hit me," Mrs. Macheinski said, adding that the bedroom's open window was covered by a screen.

"It came right through the screen and it was a little dart with green feathers," she said. "I remembered about this dart business, so I just went down on the floor and mother and

I crawled around and called the police."

The police then escorted Mrs. Macheinski to Lawrence Hospital in Yonkers, where physicians removed the dart from her upper left buttock.

Advice From Police

Physicians at the hospital said that the injury was not serious.

Yesterday, too, the Yonkers police once again advised women, especially those living on the ground floor, to keep their windows closed between 9 P.M. and 5 A.M.

Almost all of those attacked by the sniper lived on ground floors. Only one woman has been seriously wounded so far, a Greenburgh, N.Y., resident who was shot on June 23. She was partly paralyzed after a dart lodged in her carotid artery.

The Yonkers police said yesterday that although they were continuing their investigation of various sniper attacks, they had no leads on the culprit's

identity. "It's even conceivable that there could be more than one sniper," one police official said.

The dart-gun attacks have taken place mostly in the Yonkers, Greenburgh and Eastchester areas, according to the police.