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You have recently read Boston Chapel history making mention of the Boston police station nearest the 26 Dover Street Boston Chapel building. Built in 1932, the former police station has been converted into luxury condos. Dover Street has been designated "Berkeley Street" since 1960s South End redevelopment. The smallest -- 550 sq ft -- condo unit sales pricing today begins at \$309,000, for those currently looking to invest. This former police station redesigned by the renowned Yoo and Philippe Starck as a stunning boutique condominium located in the heart of the South End near the Boston Center for the Arts, the Ballet, Atelier 505 and restaurant row is the exceptional setting for a one bedroom home featuring gourmet teak wood & Tuscan marble kitchen with Sub-Zero, open living area, private balcony, marble bath, bamboo flooring, Bosch Axxis washer / dryer, deeded parking and concierge services! I note that recent Police reports indicate significant crime statistics amidst the upscaleness of the current restaurants and shopping...

Blood on the Sunday morning sidewalk... I know it's probably not necessary to multiply examples, but here's another example of Dover Street dangers: The Chapel's next door businessman neighbor Gene Wesson -- the large Native American ex-Marine -- liked to come over and chat when he saw us on the sidewalk. He talked about his building owner parents who lived in Brookline; about losing a Marine buddy beside him in a lonely foxhole they had dug together while under heavy fire in the frozen tundra of Korea; about Dover Street neighborhood happenings... "A guy yesterday had his throat slit right where you're standing, Reverend," he began, pointing to some dark spots on the Sunday morning sidewalk. "He had shot a guy a few weeks ago. In the hospital, the guy he shot told the cops he didn't know who shot him. Yesterday morning I was talking to the guy who shot him, and another guy, right here on the corner. The guy who had been shot walked right up to the guy who shot him, and slit his throat." *Some of our legalistic purists may point out that I am possibly passing along what is known as "hearsay" in the barrister biz. Fair enough, but you'll agree It was a first-hand account. I have no doubt as to its accuracy. I always trusted and valued eye-witness Gene Wesson, our neighbor, friend, and Boston Chapel building protector. In so many ways, God had His hand upon Boston Chapel and its history... JCT #30*

Looking ahead -- The good Lord willing, in coming weeks Boston Chapel history stories include:

- *** Into the wood with Merle -- "Gratefully"
- *** Seeing through a glass (Our Boston Chapel store-front plate glass window glass) -- "Larkly"
- *** Boston bureaucrats and politicians meet with us -- "An offer you just can't refuse".
- *** and more.....