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Thread: [A 7-year-old girl was fatally stabbed by a stranger in Chicago.](#)

The Pact - October 19, 2026, 7:56 am

A 7-year-old girl was fatally stabbed by a stranger in Chicago. The child was walking on South Cottage Grove Avenue, near 86th Street in the city's East Chatham neighbourhood, when a woman she did not know approached her. The woman stabbed the little girl in the back multiple times with a sharp object.

She was transported to Comer Children's Hospital where she was later pronounced dead, police said.

The 7-year-old victim has been identified as Edi Mari Hernandez .

Family members said Edi Mari had been walking with her older sister when she was fatally attacked.

A witness, William Smith, who works at a nearby barbershop, said he saw the child lying on the ground as people stood over her. "I heard a young lady, or somebody, say, 'That's the lady. She did it. She's running,'" he told the outlet.

Video shows bystanders chasing the suspect with what appear to be jumper cables. One witness explained that a man struck the suspect with the cables until she fell, after which several people "started dropping the hammers" on her.

"It's terrible," witness Stephanie Johnigan told NBC Chicago. "Our babies are losing their lives younger and younger for senseless violence every day."

Nearby resident Denesta Freeman expressed disbelief at the brutality of the attack. "For a 7-year-old like that to be getting stabbed, I never thought it would come to this point. I never did."

The Chicago Police Department is urging anyone with information about the incident to come forward.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/us/articles/mother-demands-justice-fatal-street-184912256.html>

Yin Yang - October 19, 2026, 8:19 am

Jfc, what kinda world do we live in

DryNode - October 19, 2026, 10:44 am

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This part warmed my heart ? folded that lardass like she was laundry.

Jamika - October 20, 2026, 1:45 am

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The Pact - October 20, 2026, 1:55 am

(Oct 20, 2026 01:45 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't understand what's wrong with people... What would make someone stab a child? This is absolute madness!

It happened this one other time with a three year old in the shopping trolley with his mama standing right there and this strange woman came up. Just heart breaking. I think that one might have been a racial thing since it was a black woman on a super pale skinned 3 yr old boy with red hair.

This 7 year old was Latino. These random things happen a lot more in the USA than elsewhere which makes me wonder if the health system issues are part of it or the excess junk food. My parents were Americans as well as me being born there but then the country we moved to my mother liked to get a lot of junk food when other mothers where we lived did not buy a lot of junk food and at that time thought it was super weird but now this country copies the USA a lot more than they once did.