

7TH ST GAS LEAK EXPLOSION

In New York Times, Jordy Trachtenberg stated that there was no gas in the apartment for 6 months and on that day Con Ed was doing work outside.

It has been said that the explosion that happened near east harlem a year ago was caused by the gas of the same company Con Ed. There was a crack in the pipe that leaked the gas.

On a different article on New York Times, Law enforcement officials are investigating whether the explosion that destroyed three buildings and killed two men resulted in an attempt to hide the unauthorized siphoning of natural gas for tenants.

The apparatus that was siphoning gas was dismantled before authorities left, an attempt to re-attach the apparatus made a bomb go off.

It also says that Con edison found out that someone was tapping into the gas pipe from August. They only stated that it was a "hazardous situation" and was intended as a stopgap. There definitely was a siphoning apparatus and Con Edison failed to find and get rid of it.

Con Edison workers left the head of the pipe locked because the building was unprepared to receive gas through the bigger pipe. However after talking to the owner of Sushi Park, they figured out that there was a black pipe that was not connected to the one that was supplying the store. Therefore, the head of that pipe was not locked and con edison was checking the wrong pipe.

ALSO there is a theory from the investigators in that the landlord, maria hrynenko or others might have instructed residents on how to respond to the questions from con edison workers about gas service. The manager did not know where the gas pipe started because it started from and connected to the next door restaurant that ms. Hrynenko owned.

Mr. Kim wondered where the upstairs tenants obtained gas that fueled their water heaters and stoves if the gas had been shut off for 6 months.

the manager noticed the distinct rotten-egg odor of gas and called the land lord. She did not do anything about it, therefore the manager was worried and opened the door and was flung him out to the street. the manager was injured.

THE GOTHAMIST

A journalist from the gothamist stated that Thomas Curtis dismissed the theory thrown by investigators because he thought Maria was not savvy enough to do anything illegal.

Yet Hrynenko's tenants say their landlord had a history of allowing unauthorized and potentially hazardous work in their building at 119 Second Avenue

I think Thomas Curtis statement is false in that residents in front of her building 119 2nd ave spent 2 years in court after she allowed an an illegal chimney for a massive kitchen exhaust system.

-> I think that there is some conspiracy here in that Thomas Curtis is being quite naive about this situation in that he doesn't even have the second doubt of what Maria can do. Looking at her past behavior, she doesn't seem like one to completely follow the rules.

On new york daily, it has been recorded that Con Edison was changing a pipeline, small to a large sized pipe. The Inspectors gave it a failing grade because it didn't provide enough space for a new meter.

-> None the less the report were dismissed. What other problems could they not have reported.

A survey conducted of the gas mains on the block found no leaks, however sources have said when on of the workers went down into the basement and opened the door, " everything exploded.

Background of the Buildings

Three of the four buildings that were affected in the 2015 gas explosion on East 7th St in New York City was 121, 119, 123, and 125. Buildings #121, #119, and #123 were destroyed, whereas #125 although damaged, remained intact. These buildings had landmark status being part of the East Village/Lower East Side Historic District with #121 Queen Anne Style building which was constructed around the early 1800s, the #123 building built in 1834, and the #125 Renaissance Revival style building that was built by George F. Pelham. [By the 1850s large numbers of immigrants began to settle in the area as wealthier residents moved farther uptown. Many of the existing row houses were converted for multiple- family dwellings and boarding houses, and eventually new purpose-built tenements began to replace the older building stock. These buildings, known as "pre-law" tenements because they predated the Tenement House Act of 1879, were designed in a simplified version of the Italianate style that had become the dominant mode of architecture in New York City.] (NYC.gov)

#121

Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 435, Lot 42

Building Name: St. Mary's American Orthodox Greek Catholic Church Date: c. 1903-04 (ALT 108-1903)

Architect/Builder: Frederick Ebeling

Original Owner: Hungarian Reformed Church

Type: Religious

Style: Altered Gothic Revival

Stories: 3 and basement and tower

Material(s): "Naturestone"

It was famously known for having housed Mayor Fernando Wood in 1855.

#123

Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 435, Lot 41 Date: c. 1861

Architect/Builder: Not determined Original Owner: William B. Astor (owner) Type:

Tenement

Style: Italianate

Stories: 5

Material(s): Brick; terra cotta

#119

It is perhaps best known as the site of a [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) vintage clothing and bric-a-brac shop called Love Saves the Day (that is, LSD), which

opened around the corner in the mid-1960s and moved to No. 119 in 1983.

There was also the shop that appears in *Desperately Seeking Susan*, in a scene in which Madonna's character [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) for glitzy boots.

#125

Borough of Manhattan Tax Map Block 435, Lot 40 Date: c. 1861

Architect/Builder: Not determined Original Owner: William B. Astor (owner) Type:

Tenement

Style: Italianate

Stories: 5

Material(s): Brick; terra cotta

It was home to a rare-records store called Wowsville from 2000 to 2004, owned by a couple from Spain.