

News Story Summary

Chicago police found an injured woman on a city bus last month. Because of her injuries, she was unable to tell them anything about herself, including her name. Therefore, the police sought help from the public to identify the woman. She was described as between 30 and 40 years old with blue eyes and brown hair, and she stood about 5'5" tall. Police also said she had the name Heather on a banner tattooed across her shoulder.

The unidentified lady died five days later from complications of opiates and phencyclidine intoxication. Eventually, she was identified as 45-year-old Nancy Rosario.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase “injured Jane Doe.”)

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, read the news story summary. Ask: *What makes identifying an unknown person difficult? What makes it easy?* Explain that sometimes the identity of people who have been found, living or dead, is never discovered. Even though authorities have advanced technology, identifying an unknown person can take years. Ask: *Why is identifying someone so important?* Emphasize that Paul was addressing a group that had yet to identify an Unknown God. Challenge the group to look for how Paul helped the people identify the Unknown God.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the news article. Instruct group members to respond to this statement: *The identification of the woman as Nancy Rosario may have been a source of pain for the family.* Lead them to discuss their response. Note that Paul's claims about God was a source of irritation for some and source of strength for others—some mocked Paul and some believed him. Encourage group members not to expect positive responses all the time when sharing with unbelievers. But we should not give up, because we never know when someone will receive Christ.