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Héctor Ávila says they were out to kill him.

## Violence.

The Chorrillo Leader, Héctor Ávila was shot last May 23 in this sector, he says his aggressors “wanted to kill him” and he did not rule out the fact that this could have been ordered by a “powerful Panamanian family, who was able to get an inheritance (of 50 Million dollars) that was left by a deceased American citizen.

According to Ávila, they wanted to kill him given he protested before the Supreme Court of Justice in relation to the case, since - he added - the millionaire had left the bulk of his fortune to the poor children of Panama and this has not been honored.

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**William Sala**

# La Estrella

## LUCOM'S MILLIONS

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Yesterday, dozens of children 7 to 12 years of age marched before the Supreme Court of Justice. The purpose of the march was to ask the said Body to do justice in the case of the \$50 million estate left by American Wilson Lucom. The children delivered documents about the case to Supreme Court Presiding Justice Harley Mitchell. /Photo Edward Ortiz/



God bless Wilson Lucom: Panamanian poor children

**They wanted justice! Justice! But they had happy faces. A \$500-million estate.**

Saturday, May 17, 2008

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There were about 50 children between the ages of 7 and 12 walking up the hill toward the Supreme Court of Justice under the hot 11 a.m. sun. Two children carrying the Panamanian and United States flags, and another one with documents for the Presiding Justice preceded them. There were mothers carrying infants among them. They wore white t-shirts with red lettering that read: "Thanks, Wilson Lucom."

They stopped at the foot of the front of the steps at the Court. They started to yell, joyously, not furiously, "Justice, Justice", while some unfolded a banner with large letters: "God bless Wilson Lucom, benefactor of the poor children of Panama." They had gone to ask for the assets.

It involved the will of an American expatriate who died in our country in June, 2006, leaving most of his fortune to a foundation whose only objective is to feed the poor children in Panama. His widow is trying to invalidate the will and the case has made it to the Supreme Court. The documents are about the alleged illegal measures she and her attorneys have taken to defeat the decedent's will.

"It is our way of fighting," said Hector Avila, an activist and coordinator of the march. "We have to fight for these 50 million."

"There have been false criminal complaints and illegal arrest warrants. We trust the judiciary. God will not allow anyone to steal from the country's poor children," The children also carried banners that read, "Thank you, Richard Lehman," "Thank you, Victor Crosbie." They are the executor of the will, an American attorney, Lucom's friend and adviser, and his Panamanian assistant.

In April, La Estrella de Panama reported the arrest of attorney Crosbie in Colombia as a result of a red alert that was wrongfully issued by Interpol Panama after the court had declared his arrest warrant was illegal.



They arrived at the Supreme Court under the burning sun. They had the will of the American expatriate in their hands. /Photo Edward Ortiz/

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

## Avila demands an investigation to find out who wanted to have him killed

Authorities remain silent regarding the implications. Hector will keep fighting.

Armed policeman guard the Trauma Center at the Santo Tomas Hospital. This has nothing to do with a simple routine vigilance; it is to protect the community leader Hector Avila, who was shot on the premises of the Amella Denis de Icaza Park in the El Chorillo neighborhood. Avila, who is 50 years old, can hardly speak. He was shot twice, one in his jaw and the other one in his right shoulder, forwarding an assault by three minors and an adult.

Sitting on a chair still convalescent after undergoing surgery, Avila tried to be strong to speak to La Estrella de Panama regarding what happened that night.

"I'm not ruling anything out. I hope the authorities will investigate and find out who wanted to have me killed", he said. According to Avila, he was assaulted a couple of hours forwarding his appearance and participation in the television program "Trocha Abierta" (open cross-path), which is aired by Hosanna Vision, in which he spoke about the litigation in the courts of justice in regards to the 50 million dollar inheritance left by the U.S. businessman Wilson Lucom, for the poor children of Panama.

The Chorillo Leader sent a message to the President of the Republic, Martin Torrijos, I hope that the day "that I die" the merit of Wilson Lucom will be honored, given that neither other Panamanian nor any foreigner has done what this man did for the poor children of our country.

He also mentioned that "I have never said this money was for the poor children of the El Chorillo neighborhood, but for all the children that are immersed in misery and poverty".

"There is a group of persons, where Alejandro Perez is, who are continuously making false accusations against me in a radio program. He does not have more credibility than me", expressed Avila. "I don't care if I get killed. I am prepared to continue fighting so the poor children of our country can have a decent place where to eat and live".



Hector Avila recuperates in the hospital.  
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