

Basic Detail Report

Mehmet Ali Aca with police officer

Date

1979-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Mehmet Ali Aca is a Turkish assassin who murdered left-wing journalist Abdi pekçi on February 1, 1979, and later shot and wounded Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, after escaping from a Turkish prison. After serving 19 years of imprisonment in Italy where he was visited by the Pope and converted to Christianity, he was deported to Turkey, where he served a ten-year sentence. He was released on January 18, 2010.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 18.1 cm (9 5/8 x 7 1/8 in.)