

**Carmine Citro's father in grief over his death
as a result of police fire, Battipaglia, 1969**

Date

1969-1969

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Battipaglia is a town and comune in the province of Salerno in the Campania region of south-western Italy, with 50,485 inhabitants. On April 9, 1969, in Battipaglia, the news spread of the decision to close two historic companies; the cigarette factory and the sugar factory. Since half the population lived on these two factories the closure of these companies meant poverty for the town. Demonstrations and marches were held, and the tension with the police escalated. The siege of the protesters started an attack, and the police opened fire on the crowd, killing two people: Carmine Citro, a typographer and Teresa Ricciardi, a teacher at a middle school in Eboli.

Dimensions

Overall: 30 x 21.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)