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## French cabby 'finds' Bin Laden in Montpellier

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Last week, a 35-year old Montpellier taxi driver named Pierre received a 3-month suspended jail sentence after he attempted to run down a pedestrian he thought was Osama Bin Laden. According to his lawyer the taxi driver (who is also a struggling artist) was traumatized by the recent bombings in Spain and the ongoing wave of global terrorism. The court also fined the taxi driver 500 euros and ordered him to seek counseling. The victim, a man in his 30s, escaped without any harm from the oncoming car which crashed along the side of a street in Montpellier's historic center.

I wonder if this unharmed victim is going through any kind of pedestrian-phobia. Well, I guess this guy and millions of Middle-Eastern-looking pedestrian living in France will have to take extra precautions walking down the street from now on. Who knows, it's a dangerous world we live in today and things can happen anytime anywhere. And for all of you taxi-drivers/terrorism-fighters, take a close look at your victim and ask yourself a simple question before you push the gas pedal and crash your car into a wall: "is it possible that Bin Laden would be walking down the street in Montpellier, Paris, or Madrid in the middle of the day?" You don't need the help of a psychiatrist to give you an answer, but you certainly need the help of a good lawyer if you don't think before you 'pull the trigger'.

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