

Street Preacher Shot in Head Calls Survival a 'Miracle' in First Interview

An Arizona pastor shot in the head while street preaching last year is speaking out and thanking God for his miraculous survival.

"It's a miracle – absolutely a miracle," Hans Schmidt told KNXV-TV of the ordeal. "I should not be alive. Realistically, I should be dead. And because of His grace and His love, I'm still here."

As CBN News previously reported, Schmidt, a 26-year-old dad of two, a military combat veteran, and the outreach director at Victory Chapel First Phoenix in Arizona, was taken to the hospital Nov. 15, 2023, on suspicion of having been assaulted.

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But a CT scan revealed he had been shot in the head. Schmidt's condition quickly deteriorated, as his family prayed for a miracle and implored others to do the same.

Schmidt's wife, Zulya, told CBN News late last year about the events surrounding the shocking ordeal, noting the shooting unfolded while Hans was street preaching as he has frequently done.



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"He's been doing that for over a year, and, usually, he street preaches for 30 minutes before every evening service for our

church," she said. "That day, he just ended street preaching early, and I thought that was odd."