

'I'm lucky to be alive'

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MOMENTS after he finished an evening jog at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, a 56-year-old Queens man was clubbed in the head with a metal pipe and robbed of his credit cards.

The Christmas Eve attack left Krzysztof Majchrzak with bruises and scrapes, but he knows it could have been worse.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said Majchrzak, one of nine bicyclists and pedestrians who have been randomly mugged in the park since Nov. 22. "I'll be a little careful next time."

Told that police believe the 7:40 p.m. attack is part of an unsolved crime spree, the married father of two said he believes his attacker is mentally ill.

"It's a big city and there are so many psychos around," said Majchrzak, who has been running in the 1,225-acre park a few times each week for five years.

Majchrzak, who moved from Poland 16 years ago, said he noticed a brown Nissan Maxima in the parking lot before he went running.



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Krzysztof Majchrzak recuperates at home after attack in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

The same vehicle was there when he got back.

When the Bronx sheet metal salesman reached into his car to get his wallet, he was hit from behind and knocked unconscious. He woke up in Jamaica Hospital.

All the victims of the park robberies were mugged at

night. Most were riding bicycles and all but one was assaulted.

The most recent crime took place at 6:40 p.m. Monday when an unidentified man was assaulted by two attackers as he rode his bike near the park's landmark Unisphere. The victim was in critical condition yesterday at

Elmhurst Hospital Center.

The crime spree concerned several New Yorkers relaxing and exercising in the park yesterday.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Crime Stoppers hotline at (800) 477-TIPS. All calls will be kept confidential.

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