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Sutcliffe's 'hammer attack victim' wants to meet him in jail



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A MAN who claims he was attacked by the Yorkshire Ripper wants to come face to face with the notorious serial murderer before he dies.

John Tomey, 77, who insists he is Peter Sutcliffe's oldest surviving victim, is furious that the killer denied attacking men in a recent letter. Mr Tomey says that Sutcliffe came at him with a hammer, leaving him brain damaged.

Now he wants to visit Sutcliffe, 71, at Frankland Prison in County Durham.

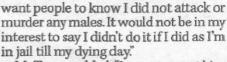
where he is serving 20 life sentences for the murders of 13 women.

Former taxi driver Mr Tomey says he is sure Sutcliffe attacked him when he was a passenger in his cab in Leeds in 1967.

Mr Tomey, who suffered multiple skull fractures, said: "I've come through bloody hell and I want to see him and ask, 'Why me?' Before we die, I would like to come face-to-face

with him. He just wants to torture me by denying this. I know he was my attacker."

In a recent letter, Sutcliffe denied that he ever assaulted any men. He wrote that police had recently questioned him about "16 non-fatal" assaults, adding: "Yes, I did some bad things, but I just



Mr Tomey added: "I want to meet him because the attack on me felt personal.

"We'd been speaking for 45 minutes before he hit me over the head. It was unbelievable pain. It felt like by brain was exploding. I had eight or nine fractures. I needed about 48 stitches. I am still suffering. My brain is damaged."

Information Mr Tomey gave for a photofit at the time matched Sutcliffe and he later identified him in 20 seconds.

Retired police intelligence officer Chris Clark agrees with Mr Tomey, saying that Sutcliffe is a liar who wants power over his victims and their families.

He believes Sutcliffe attacked four men with hammers, killing three. Along with his assault on Mr Tomey, he thinks he killed bookmaker Fred Craven in 1966, filling station worker Gordon Snowdon in 1979, and

cemetery gardener George Ellis in 1967. Mr Clark told the Mirror: "He's a compulsive liar. I believe he attacked these men.

"He wants control over the victims and their relatives because that's the only thing keeping him stimulated. That's how these evil people work."

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