

Profiles of Psychopath's Victims

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Five of the shootings occurred in Queens, two in the Bronx. All but one took place on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Most of the victims were couples seated in parked cars in the early morning hours. Three of the couples had been to the movies just prior to the attacks; one couple had been to a discothèque. Most of the women victims had long, dark-brown hair; so did one of the male victims.

These are some of the disparate elements the police are trying to piece together in an effort to catch the killer who calls himself the "Son of Sam," a psychopath who always uses a .44-caliber pistol and who has killed five

people and wounded six others in a yearlong reign of terror in the two boroughs.

All of his victims have been young. Of the 11, seven have been teen-agers, three, 20 years old and one, 26 years old. Eight have been women, and one of the three men might have been mistaken for a woman because of his long hair. The police have withheld some information about some of the survivors for their protection or for investigative purposes.

Following are profiles of the victims, including the circumstances under which they were shot, in chronological order:

DONNA LAURIA

Donna Lauria, 18, of 2860 Buhre Avenue in the Westchester Heights section of the Bronx, was shot in the back and killed instantly about 1 A.M. on July 29, 1976, a Friday, as she sat in a parked car outside her home talking with Jody Valenti, a friend who had just driven her home . . .

Miss Lauria worked as an emergency medical technician for two years at the Empire State Ambulance Service, with headquarters at New York Hospital . . . She and her friend were discussing summer vacation plans when the killer walked up to their car, drew a long-barreled pistol, looked directly at them and opened fire without saying a word.

JODY VALENTI

Miss Valenti, 19, of 1918 Hutchinson River Parkway, a nurse, was wounded in the left thigh as she sat in her double-parked car with Miss Lauria

outside Miss Lauria's six-story apartment building . . . She described the killer as a white man in his late 30's, wearing a blue-striped shirt.

CARL DENARO

Carl Denaro, 20, a security guard with Citibank, was shot in the back of the head about 2 A.M. on Oct. 23, 1976, a Saturday, as he sat in a parked car with his girlfriend, Rosemary Keenan, on 160th Street between 32d and 33d Avenues in Flushing, Queens. . . . Had shoulder-length, brown hair, and

in the darkness might have been mistaken for a girl . . . Was hospitalized for three weeks at Flushing Medical Center, where a steel plate was placed in his skull . . . The injury disqualified him for service in the United States Air Force, which he had been about to enter.

JOANNE LOMINO

Joanne Lomino, 18, of 83-31 262d Street, Bellerose, Queens, was shot in the back as she sat with a friend, Donna DiMasi, on the porch of the Lomino home at 12:40 A.M. on Nov. 27, 1976, a Saturday . . . They had just returned by subway and bus from a movie in Manhattan and were alone

on the porch when the killer walked up, asked for some directions, drew a gun from under his coat and fired several shots . . . One bullet lodged in Miss Lomino's spine and she is paralyzed from the waist down . . . A graduate of Martin Van Buren High School.

DONNA DIMASI

Miss DiMasi, 17, of 86-29 262d Street, Floral Park, Queens, a senior at Martin Van Buren High School, was shot once in the neck and wounded as she sat on Miss Lomino's porch . . .

Described the assailant as white, between 25 and 30 years old and wearing a brown or green three-quarter-length coat . . . The police found three shell casings at the scene.

CHRISTINE FREUND

Christine Freund, 26, of 58-18 Linden Street, Ridgewood, Queens, a secretary employed by Reynolds Securities, 22 Broadway, was shot to death at 12:30 A.M. on Jan. 30, 1977, a Sunday, as she sat in a parked car in front of 1 Station Square, opposite the Forest Hills Inn at the Long Island Rail Road Station in Forest Hills, Queens. . . . With her, and unhurt, was John Diel, 30, a bartender who had been her steady boyfriend for seven years and was to become her fiancé two weeks later on Valentine's Day . . . The couple had seen the movie "Rocky" at the Continental Theater and had eaten at the Wine Gallery, both on Austin

Street, before walking to Mr. Diel's car, a 1976 red Pontiac Firebird . . . Mr. Diel, who lives at 6158 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, and is employed at the Ridgewood III on Grandview Avenue in Ridgewood, said the couple planned to attend a Masonic dance. . . . They sat in the car for two minutes while the engine warmed up, and the killer approached from the rear, firing three shots through the car window that struck Miss Freund in the head and right shoulder . . . Miss Freund moved to Ridgewood 20 years ago with her parents, Nandor and Olga Freund, from Austria . . . Was born in Salzburg, Austria, had a sister, Eva, 19.

VIRGINIA VOSKERICHIAN

Virginia Voskerichian, 19, of 69-11 Exeter Street, Forest Hills, a junior majoring in Russian-language studies at Columbia University, was shot to death between 7:30 and 7:45 P.M. on March 8, a Tuesday, as she walked in front of 4 Dartmouth Street not far from her home in Forest Hills . . . She was slain only half a block from the spot where Miss Freund had been killed five weeks earlier . . . Shot in the mouth from close range, she was found lying face down in shrubbery near the sidewalk, her purse and some books lying nearby . . . She was on her way home from school and had left the IND subway station at Continental Avenue nearby only moments before the killing . . . A slender woman, 5 feet

6 inches tall, with dark eyes and hair and fine-boned features, she impressed those who met her with her politeness and intelligence . . . Had transferred last fall to Columbia's School of General Studies from Queens College after her sophomore year and was described by teachers and classmates as an excellent student with grades that put her on the dean's list, a facility for language and a particular sensitivity for Russian literature . . . Friends spoke of her subtle sense of humor . . . A 1974 graduate of Forest Hills High School, where she had an 87 percent average . . . Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, the daughter of an Armenian watchmaker, she had two sisters and a brother.

VALENTINA SURIANI

Valentina Suriani, 18, of 1950 Hutchinson River Parkway in the Baychester section of the Bronx, an acting major at Herbert H. Lehman College in the Bronx, was shot and killed at 3 A.M. on April 17, a Sunday, as she sat in a parked car with Alexander Esau in front of 1878 Hutchinson River Parkway near her home . . . Mr. Esau also was shot dead . . . A quiet girl who lived with her parents, she had graduated last year from St. Catherine's Roman Catholic High School in the

Bronx . . . friends said she had planned to leave Lehman College for a time to study at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan . . . Had attended a movie with Mr. Esau, a longtime friend, and was sitting in the driver's seat when the killer approached on the driver's side and fired through the closed window . . . At the scene, only a few blocks from the spot where Miss Lauria and Miss Valenti were shot, the killer left a note described by the police as "rambling and incoherent" and "ghoulish" in tone.

ALEXANDER ESAU

Mr. Esau, 20, who lived with his father at 352 West 46th Street and was employed as a tow-truck operator's helper, was shot to death with Miss Suriani in

a parked car owned by his brother . . . Was a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School . . . Described by friends as quiet, unassuming.

JUDY PLACIDO

Judy Placido, 17, of 2208 Wickham Avenue in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx, was shot in the right temple, right shoulder and back of the neck as she sat in a parked car at 3:20 A.M. on Sunday, with Salvatore Lupo, a friend, outside 45-39 211th Street, just south of 45th Road in Bayside, Queens . . . The couple had walked to the car from the Eléphas discothèque at 211th Street and Northern Boulevard, half a block away, and had been sitting in a car belonging to a friend of Mr. Lupo for about 10 minutes when the assailant approached from behind, fired four shots and wounded them both . . . Like many of the other victims, she has long brown hair . . . Was graduated last

Saturday from St. Catherine's Roman Catholic High School in the Bronx (where Miss Suriani had graduated last year), planned to attend Pace University's College of White Plains next fall with a partial scholarship, and wants to study law . . . Lives with her aunt and legal guardian, Judith Carioscia; has a brother John, and a sister, Donna, who came from Ohio to attend her graduation . . . She and two other women had driven to the discothèque, where she had previously met Mr. Lupo, whom she had been dating, and decided to stay when the two companions left . . . She and Mr. Lupo were seated in a car owned by Ralph Saccente, an employee of the discothèque, when the attack occurred.

SALVATORE LUPO

Mr. Lupo, 20, a Maspeth, Queens, resident whose address was withheld by the police, was shot in the right forearm as he sat in the parked car with Miss Placido . . . A mechanic's

helper, he suffered a back injury recently and was forced to temporarily give up his job at a Forest Hills service station operated by a brother . . . He is one of seven children.