

Police Get a 2d Note Signed by 'Son of Sam' In .44-Caliber Killings

The police have received a second letter signed "son of Sam" from the man they believe to be the killer who used a 44-caliber pistol to slay five victims in Queens and the Bronx.

The handwritten letter, which warns that there will be more slayings because of a compulsion to kill, was mailed to Jimmy Breslin, the columnist for The Daily News, who yesterday turned it over to Deputy Inspector Timothy J. Dowd, who is in charge of the investigation.

The police said that they were "almost certain" that the second letter was from the same so-called "son of Sam," but that

it would take at least 72 hours for tests to be completed at police laboratories to be certain.

The letter was described as lengthy and containing emotional references to Donna Laurie, 18 years old, who was shot to death last July 29 while seated in a car with a girlfriend, Jody Valente, outside her home in the Baychester section of the Bronx. She was the first victim.

Beneath the "Son of Sam" signature was a hand-written symbol, an X-shaped mark with the biological signs for male and female. Above the X was a cross and the initial S.

The first letter from the so-called "Son of Sam" was found by the police at the scene of the slaying of Valentina Suriani, 18 years old, and Alesander Esau, 20, who were killed April 17, while seated in a car near the girl's home.

The police said yesterday they could report no new leads in the case. However, they said they were making progress.