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TORNADO AFTERMATH: Twisted steel and broken concrete from townhouses under construction in Longport, remain after a tornado, thunderstorms and strong winds lashed the South Jersey coast yesterday. The National Weather Service said that one tornado touched down at Leesburg State Prison. Two prison trailers were flipped over and a guard thrown through the air. Authorities in the area said that no major damage was done and only one injury was attributed to the storm.

Apprehension Over 'Son of Sam' Is Leaving Lovers Lanes Vacant

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FORT LEE, Aug. 10—Growing apprehension that the psychopathic killer known as "Son of Sam" might strike in North Jersey is discouraging teenagers and sightseers from making nighttime stops in lovers lanes throughout the area and at viewing sites on the bluffs above the Hudson River.

At the same time, the police in many communities are urging, and in some cases ordering, couples in parked cars to move along.

"The people are very alert and cautious; they're just not there. They seem to be scared off," said Detective Sgt. George Banta of the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police, the department that patrols the highways atop the Palisades and the wooded, secluded parking areas overlooking the river far below.

Since the .44-caliber killer struck in Brooklyn on July 31—he had previously restricted his attacks to northern Queens and the east Bronx—law-enforcement officials in Bergen and Hudson Counties have stepped up precautions on the assumption the gunman could range across the river and attack in North Jersey.

James O'Halloran, the Prosecutor in Hudson County, stressed in letters he sent yesterday to the police chiefs of the 13 communities in Hudson the possibility that the killer could expand his target area. Mr. O'Halloran's message urged that police officers on patrol be thoroughly familiar with the latest sketch of "Son of Sam" and that they be vigilant about dissuading people from sitting in parked cars in secluded or darkened trysting spots or dimly lighted neighborhood streets.

Six of the gunman's eight attacks since July 29, 1976, have been on people in parked cars, all but one on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night. The two other attacks occurred on a porch in Bellerose, Queens, and on a street in Forest Hills.

Police officials in many towns around North Jersey say they have noted in re-

cent days that fewer and fewer cars are appearing each night in familiar parking spots.

"There's been a dropoff, no question," said Arthur Dalton, the Police Chief of Fort Lee, the town on the New Jersey end of the George Washington Bridge. "I'm not sure if it's because of constant patrolling by our men or because people are starting to get smart."

Detective Banta of the Palisades Police noted a sharp decline this month in the nighttime popularity of the Rockefeller and Alpine Overlooks, the two major cliff-top sightseeing points that provide visitors on the Palisades with breathtaking views of the Hudson River and the Manhattan skyline.

At any time on a weekend night, Detective Banta said, between 60 and 70 cars would be parked at both Rockefeller and Alpine. On a patrol the detective made Saturday night at 11 o'clock, 12 cars were in the Alpine Overlook and about two dozen at Rockefeller, he said.

Twenty-minute parking limits and the midnight closing of the two sites are being strictly enforced, he said. Periodic patrols of the two spots by squad cars have been tripled from four to 12 nightly.

"Any strange vehicles stopped in the lookouts or at the boat basins below are being checked out thoroughly," Detective Banta said.

In Fort Lee, and many other communities, couples seated in parked cars are instructed to leave.

"Most of the time, they are told in a nice way," Chief Dalton said. "My men say, 'You want to be a target of Son of Sam? Let's move along.' The people are cooperative."

In Bergen County's 23 county parks, the county police have started strict enforcement of regulations that ban parked cars from half-an-hour after sunset until a half-hour before sunrise, according to County Police Chief Arthur Abrams.