



Unforgiving

Sixteen-year-old Ricki Moskowitz, whose sister, Stacy, was the last victim of the .44-caliber killer, says she feels no forgiveness. "He

should be tortured for a long time — as long as he lives — slowly and painfully," she said, in her parent's Brooklyn home.—AP Photo

Dead dog issue not dying

By JUDITH CROWN
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The remains of three dogs unearched Thursday from graves behind the 35 Pine St. apartment residence of Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz have been reburied in a tangle of red tape.

Two neighborhood boys, who found the dogs in plastic bags last Christmas and buried them in a nearby wooded area, dug them up Thursday after they read of Berkowitz' reported hatred of dogs.

The boys said two of the dogs had chains around their necks while the third had a hole in its head. All were German shepherds.

The mother of one of the boys called Yonkers police as the dogs were unearched. Two officers from the North Command arrived and shooed away the boys, two reporters and a photographer.

When asked Friday for a report on the dogs police said they did not know of any dead dogs and doubted they would be of any use in the case of the .44-caliber killings.

"Everybody has an angle," said Det. Leon Wyka Friday. "I'm getting calls from Maryland, Virginia — I don't know what they're talking about — I don't know anything about dead dogs." After the officers chased the boys and others from the scene Thursday, the apparently left the bodies of the dogs.

Det. Wyka said New York City would not be interested in the dogs as a possible angle. "They're satisfied — they got their man," he said.

Girl relates a close call

A 16-year-old Yonkers girl told this newspaper she was confronted by Son of Sam suspect David Berkowitz about three months ago in the parking lot behind the suspect's home, an apartment house at 35 Pine St., Yonkers.

The girl, Laura Pisaturo, who lives near the suspect, said she was waiting for her boyfriend about 12:30 a.m. when Berkowitz approached. "He came up to me and just stared," she said. "I smiled at him because I was scared. He didn't smile back. I walked away and ducked into my house. My heart fell into my stomach."

Miss Pisaturo said she couldn't remember the date but three months ago would place it in May, a month in which there were no .44-caliber shootings. She said she had seen Berkowitz occasionally but didn't

know who he was until she saw his picture in the newspaper after his arrest. "I wouldn't have recognized him from the drawing (police composite), it didn't look anything like him."

Miss Pisaturo said Berkowitz was walking a dog that night in the parking lot. The suspect, who once worked with guards dogs as a security guard on the lower Manhattan docks, had a reported hatred of dogs and is suspected by Yonkers police of having shot dogs owned by two neighbors.

Ironically, Miss Pisaturo is the sister of one of two neighborhood boys who found three dead German shepherds in plastic bags behind 35 Pine St. last Christmas and buried them in a nearby wooded area. When they read of Berkowitz' dislike of dogs Thursday, they returned to the site and dug them up.

Berkowitz told police Thursday that he got "messages . . . to kill" from a dog — belonging to his 64-year-old neighbor Sam Carr. Carr said he believes Berkowitz once shot and wounded his dog Harvey.

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Det. Wyka said that just because dead dogs are discovered does not mean that police would file a report. "It's not a crime or a misdemeanor," he said. "I once buried my parakeet." Late Friday afternoon, however, a Police Emergency Van picked up the remains of the dogs.

The Yonkers connection

2 officers held vital clues

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Last Friday, two young Yonkers patrolmen pieced together a series of suspicious incidents that all seemed to involve a husky, 24-year-old postal clerk living at 35 Pine St. — David Berkowitz.

Yonkers police, like their counterparts across the country, have received dozens of tips from individuals claiming knowledge about "Son of Sam." Few of them were deemed credible enough to bring to the attention of the harried investigators at the Queens Homicide Task force.

But Patrolmen Thomas Chamberlain, 31, and Peter Intervallo, 25, were confident they had more than just speculative information.

The evidence they compiled, involving death threats, dog-shootings, a misdirected get-well card, and a small apartment fire, was identified by New York City Police Commissioner Thomas Codd as one of the two key leads that led to the arrest of Berkowitz Wednesday night.

Chamberlain and Intervallo have refused interviews about their detective work, fearing it may jeopardize the prosecution's case the suspect.

Their involvement began last Christmas Eve when they were called to investigate the discovery of three dead dogs wrapped in a plastic bag near the Pine Street apartment house.

Four months later, on April 11, a dog belonging to Sam Carr of 316 Warburton Ave. — the man police say Berkowitz had identified as his father figure — was shot.

Chamberlain and Intervallo were investigating those incidents, threatening mail Carr had received and a firebombing at his house last October when report of shots being fired early on the morning of May 15.

Berkowitz moved to Yonkers in April of last year. Before that he lived at 174 Coligni Ave. in New Rochelle in a home owned by Jack Cassara.

On June 6 of this year, Cassara received a get-well card for an injury he never sustained. The return address on the envelope was that of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carr.

The Carrs and the Cassaras do not know each other and Sam Carr was mystified when Cassara's wife, Nann, called him to inquire about the mysterious get-well message.

Their conversation, which was conveyed to Chamberlain and Intervallo, served as a crucial link which enable the officers to connect David Berkowitz with the dog-shootings and threatening letters received by Carr.

Carr, a former Yonkers city employee who now runs a telephone answering service, told Mrs. Cassara about the shootings and threatening letters.

The 'collar' was made by just one man

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There reportedly were as many as 40 or 50 police officers swarming around David Berkowitz' car in Yonkers Wednesday night when he was arrested and charged as the Son of Sam murderer.

The question is, who actually arrested Berkowitz?

The answer, New York City police said, is a Det. John Falotico. He is assigned to the 10th Homicide Division which conducted the Son of Sam manhunt, and it is his name that appears on police records as the arresting officer.

Yonkers police who were on the scene are credited with an assist. And Craig Glassman, the parttime Westchester County deputy sheriff who lived in the apartment below Berkowitz, is said to be the man who identified Berkowitz when he left the apartment building and headed for the car.

The warrants New York City police had at the time of the arrest were issued by Yonkers City Judge Robert Cacace.

Police sources said it is not unusual for officers to cross city or county lines — seemingly infringing on another police authority's jurisdiction — in order to get their man.

"It's not like the old days when we used to stop at the city line and let them go," said John O'Brien, undersheriff of the Westchester County sheriff's department.

O'Brien said Westchester police often go to New York City for surveillance of crime suspects, and that city policemen may come to Westchester to do the same. If, during surveillance outside of Westchester, county law enforcement officers find sufficient evidence on which to base an arrest, they could obtain a warrant in the same manner as New York City police did in Yonkers, O'Brien said.

In one letter Carr received in April, his black Labrador retriever, Harvey, was described as a "public nuisance."



Several views

David Berkowitz, who police believe is the Son of Sam, is shown in photo at upper left. Various sketches of the suspect were released during the 13-month killing spree. The sketch at upper right was released Tuesday; center sketches were released last November; the bottom left sketch was released in March, 1977; the one at bottom right in July of that year. — AP Photo

Governor cracks down on 'Sam' profiteers

ALBANY (AP) — The "Son of Sam" killer may be offered tens of thousands of dollars for his story. But the profit will end up going to his victims and his lawyers.

Gov. Hugh Carey announced Friday that he had signed into law a bill requiring that after legal fees, the profits from books and anything else criminals do after the fact to make money off their notoriety be kept in a special fund available to the victims.

The money could wind up being paid both to victims who were injured but survived, and to the families of those killed. But they would have to file lawsuits to collect.

The bill was signed shortly after New York City police arrested David Berkowitz and accused him of being the "Son of Sam," the .44-caliber killer who took six lives in one of the most sensational murder sprees in the city's history. It had been introduced in the legislature in response to publicity over Son of Sam, but passed well before the arrest.

Its sponsor, Sen. Emanuel Gold, a Democrat from Queens, said the idea for the bill had occurred to him because he thought whoever was eventually arrested in the case might be offered large sums of money to tell his story in a book, magazine or newspaper articles or for the movies or television.

One New York literary agent, Bill Adler, was quoted Friday as saying Son of Sam might be offered as much as \$250,000 for his story.

The new law, which takes effect immediately, requires that any funds any publisher or other firm or person promises to pay to a criminal for the story of his or her crimes be paid instead to a special fund held by the state's Crime Victims Compensation Board.

The criminal could use the money to pay attorney's fees, but any profits left over would be held for the victims unless the accused criminal was acquitted.

Newsman's case adjourned

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Charged in trespassing

Three of the journalists who were charged with trespassing at the residence of David Berkowitz are from left, Robert Calfus of the New York Post; David Berlinger of the Washington Post; and Leonard Detrick of the New York Daily News. — AP Photo

Four journalists who were arrested on charges of trespassing in the apartment of the man accused in the "Son of Sam" slayings appeared briefly in Yonkers City Court Friday but their case was adjourned until Sept. 12.

Yonkers police have charged the four men with criminal trespass, saying they entered the apartment of the suspect, David Berkowitz, at 35 Pine St. in Yonkers, without permission Thursday afternoon.

Three photographers and one reporter, all from nationally known publications, were arrested. They are David C. Berliner, a reporter for the Washington Post, Leonard Detrick of the New York Daily News, Theodore Cowell of Time Magazine and Robert Calfus of the New York Post.

Attorneys for the journalists asked for the adjournment to give them time to prepare their defense. They have been formally charged with obstruction of justice and criminal trespass.

Police said they discovered the reporter and photographers inside Berkowitz's apartment with the door locked. When police knocked, they were asked to identify themselves before they were let in, according to the police report. Police said the journalists ignored a sign on the door that said, "Crime Scene, Do Not Enter."

At the time of their arrest, one of the journalists said they entered both the building and the apartment unchallenged by police. On Friday at the court hearing, all declined to comment on the case.

Eleven rolls of film and one cassette tape were confiscated by police and held for evidence. However, when they were released on their own recognizance Thursday, the New York Post photographer was able to smuggle out pictures used in a centerfold spread in the Post on Friday.

According to a spokesman in the Yonkers City Court, each of the charges against the journalists carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.