

# Berkowitz and Unidentified Man Reported in Recent Visit to Kennel

An unidentified man accompanied David R. Berkowitz, the suspect in the "Son of Sam" killings, to a Westchester County kennel hours before Mr. Berkowitz was arrested last Wednesday, an employee of the kennel said yesterday.

The police are looking into the identity of the man, who reportedly accompanied Mr. Berkowitz to the Westchester Boarding Kennel in Mamaroneck in response to an advertisement offering a young German shepherd for adoption.

The employee of the kennel asked that his name be withheld because, he said, the companion, who he said did all the talking, bore a resemblance to a police sketch of the .44-caliber killer.

Mr. Berkowitz was referred to the kennel by People for Animal Welfare, a Bronx volunteer organization that advertises in local newspapers to find homes for strays placed by it in boarding kennels pending adoption.

According to Mrs. Allen Larsen, a volunteer for the organization, a man identifying himself as David Berkowitz of Yonkers called early last week about an

8-month-old German shepherd that had been found in the South Bronx and placed in the Westchester kennel. She said the caller told her he would visit the kennel with a friend later in the week to look at the animal.

The kennel attendant said two men, one of whom he later recognized as Mr. Berkowitz, showed up in midafternoon Wednesday, just hours before Mr. Berkowitz's arrest outside his Yonkers apartment house. He said they left without expressing a decision, ~~the~~ seemed concerned about the adoptive service's strict rule of making home inspections before letting their animals be adopted.

Dogs figure several times in the account pieced together of Mr. Berkowitz's recent past.

According to the police, he told interrogators that he got his "messages" to kill through a dog. In addition, the police have linked the shooting of a Yonkers dog last Christmas to the suspect, and a former landlady of his reported that he strongly objected to the barking of her dog, which apparently led him to give up his rented room in a huff in April 1976.