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Twenty-five policemen, including Deputy Inspector Timothy J. Dowd, commander of the special homicide task force set up to catch the .44-caliber killer, will be promoted for their work on the "Son of Sam" case.

Officials at Police Headquarters said they believed that this was the largest number of promotions to be made in connection with any single case in the department's history.

Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd said yesterday that the large number of promotions represented "an effort on the part of the department to recognize the overall quality of work that was performed by all the people who took part in this investigation."

Among those being promoted will be Officer Michael Cataneo Jr., who ticketed David R. Berkowitz's car for parking in front of a hydrant the morning that Mr. Berkowitz is alleged to have killed Stacy Moskowitz, and seriously wounded her companion, Robert Violante, as they sat in a parked car in Brooklyn. Officer Cataneo will become a detective-specialist, a special designation that will keep him in uniform but will give him a detective's gold shield and a pay raise of about \$2,400 a year.

### Certificates to Be Awarded

For a while, some city officials wanted the promotion ceremony to be held at Gracie Mansion and to feature champagne, but this was later decided against. The promotions will be made at a ceremony scheduled to be held at 12:30 P.M. tomorrow at Police Headquarters.

At that time, Mayor Beame will also present certificates expressing the city's appreciation to 180 police officers, including those being promoted, and to a number of people from the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County Sheriff's office for their help in the capture of Mr. Berkowitz.

One of the citations is scheduled to go to Wheat Carr, the daughter of Sam Carr. Mr. Carr, owner of a Yonkers telephone answering service, is said to have been the object of Mr. Berkowitz's alleged obsession with "Sam."

The 26-year-old Miss Carr, who is a police dispatcher in Yonkers, played a

pivotal role in alerting a Brooklyn detective—who was seeking a witness to the shootings of Miss Moskowitz and Mr. Violante—to the suspicions of two Yonkers policemen that a local man who had been acting strangely might be the "Son of Sam."

The two Yonkers policemen—Peter R. Intervallo and Thomas N. Chamberlain—are also scheduled to receive certificates of appreciation from Mayor Beame, as is Craig Glassman, a part-time Westchester County deputy sheriff, who also called attention to the strange behavior of Mr. Berkowitz, a resident in the same Yonkers apartment building.

The Brooklyn detective who made the telephone call and happened, by chance, to get Miss Carr, was James Justus of the Tenth Homicide Zone. He is scheduled to be promoted from third-grade to second-grade detective, which will give him an annual salary increase of about \$2,300.

As Mr. Berkowitz—who has so far been indicted only in connection with the shootings of Miss Moskowitz and Mr. Violante—remained in Kings County Hospital undergoing examination to see if he is mentally fit to stand trial, there were these other developments:

¶The Queens District Attorney's office presented evidence to a grand jury that could result in additional charges against Mr. Berkowitz in connection with five separate attacks in that borough that resulted in two deaths and injuries to five others. The Bronx District Attorney's office is expected to present evidence to a grand jury today in connection with two attacks in that borough that resulted in three deaths.

¶A law-enforcement source confirmed that Mr. Berkowitz had said that he stabbed a woman outside her apartment in Co-op City in December 1975.

¶John L. Keenan, New York City's chief of detectives, said that investigation had shown that Mr. Berkowitz had not visited a Westchester kennel to purchase a dog shortly before his arrest. A report that Mr. Berkowitz had visited the kennel in the company of an unidentified friend, who supposedly resembled an early sketch of a Son of Sam suspect, stirred speculation that Mr. Berkowitz might have had an accomplice. Chief Keenan said in discounting the kennel incident,

that Mr. Berkowitz had not had an accomplice.

¶Twenty-nine detectives—all who are left of the 75 who took part in the special homicide task force headed by Deputy Inspector Dowd—have been assigned to headquarters to wrap up loose ends and to write reports about the case. They are working out of the same 13th-floor office where they held their celebration early last Thursday morning after Mr. Berkowitz's arrest.

In the reported attack at Co-op City, according to the police there, the only woman who was stabbed at the project that month was a teen-age girl, Michelle Forman, who was attacked at 10:15 P.M., Dec. 24, 1975, as she was walking on a pedestrian bridge over the Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Thruway at Baychester Avenue.

### Approached on a Bridge

Miss Forman, now a 15-year-old student at Truman High School, said last night that she had been approached from behind and stabbed six times by a heavy set man whose face she had never seen.

According to Miss Forman, she chased her assailant off the foot bridge and into a nearby parking lot, noting, she said, that he ran with a sluggish gait.

Miss Forman said she had then run to her building and collapsed, suffering from three stab wounds in her head and three

in her body. She said she had been hospitalized for seven days with a collapsed lung.

Miss Forman said the police had not made contact with her in the wake of Mr. Berkowitz's reputed statement. At the 45th Precinct—where the initial report indicated that Miss Forman's attacker was in his late 40's, much older than the 24-year-old Mr. Berkowitz—the police said that the detective assigned to the case was not on duty yesterday, but would be today.

The new rank of Inspector Dowd was not announced, but there were rumors at Police Headquarters that he might be promoted two ranks to that of assistant chief. Mr. Dowd headed the special homicide task force that was established after it became apparent that several previously unconnected shootings were the work of one man—dubbed the .44-caliber killer because of the weapon he used and also the "Son of Sam" because of his cryptic messages.

Two of Inspector Dowd's key aides—Capt. Joseph R. Borrelli and Lieut. John J. Power—are also being promoted. Lieutenant Power will be designated commander-detective squad, a status worth about \$3,000 a year in higher pay. The reason for the designation is that promotions up through the rank of captain are governed by Civil Service procedures.

Two officers who were officially credited as the arresting officers, Detective Sgt. William J. Gardella and Detective John Falotico, also will be recognized. Detective Gardella will be designated supervisor-detective squad, which will mean about \$3,000 more in pay, and Mr. Falotico will be advanced from second- to first-grade detective status, which will give him \$2,500 more in pay.

Two other detectives who took part in the stakeout that resulted in Mr. Berkowitz's capture, John H. Longo and Edward Zigo, also are being advanced from the present second-grade status to first-grade.

The four detectives went to Mr. Berkowitz's home in Yonkers on Wednesday, Aug. 10, on the basis of the information obtained by Detective Justus in his conversations with Miss Carr and Officers Intervallo and Chamberlain of the Yonkers police.