

Police Urge Patience For .44 Killer Calls



Police sketch of "Son of Sam"

The Police Department last night asked those with information about the .44-caliber killer case to be patient if they cannot get through right away to the special number—844-0999—that has been established to receive confidential information from the public.

"We've been inundated with calls," said Deputy Commissioner Francis J. McLoughlin, who said the six to eight detectives assigned to the phone bank around the clock had hardly been able to keep up with the flood of tips.

Noting that detectives had followed up on 5,000 telephoned and mail tips on the case since March, the official pointed out that a special team of detectives followed up the more promising leads right away. He urged those with information that might help the investigation to persist until they get through.

In emergencies involving the case or anything else, callers should dial 911.