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At least 250 police officers have volunteered to patrol sections of the city on their own time as part of the hunt for the .44-caliber revolver killer, Mayor Beame announced last night.

The Mayor commended the officers for "giving up their free time without pay to assist in the largest manhunt in the city's history."

The police, meanwhile, released a slightly revised description of the killer, who calls himself Son of Sam. He was described as white, 25 to 33 years old, 5 feet 7 to 5 feet 11, sturdily built, with brown hair, high cheekbones, dark eyes, dark complexion and possibly wearing a wig.

The police said he was last seen wearing a blue denim jacket or a gray shirt with sleeves rolled up, blue denim pants and blue denim shoes.

Mayor Beame said the deployment of the volunteer off-duty officers was being worked out by Police Commissioner Michael J. Codd. The arrangements were also being discussed with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Commissioner Codd sent a message to "all commands," last night urging members who wished to participate voluntarily to get in touch with the commander of the area in which they would prefer to donate their services. The Commissioner said the commanders would "maintain adequate records of all voluntary service performed."

Intensive efforts to find the killer went on yesterday at the New York City special homicide task force in the 109th

precinct in Flushing. Telephone calls responding to police appeals for information were still overloading lines for a special number, 844-0999. Investigators led by Deputy Inspector Timothy J. Dowd urged that callers keep trying.

A young man who had reported seeing in his parked car's rear-view mirror the fatal shooting of Stacy Moskowitz and wounding of Robert Violante early Sunday—they were in the car behind him—was working with the police on a new sketch of Son of Sam to be released today.

In White Plains, Westchester Sheriff Thomas Delaney assigned 16 of his 184 deputies to patrol between 11 P.M. and 5 A.M. nightly to guard against possible attacks by Son of Sam in his area.

Tension over the .44-caliber killer led to a mob-like scene in the Sheepshead Bay section of Brooklyn yesterday when a group of shouting bar patrons attempted to attack a man in a yellow car who was being arrested for alleged possession of two guns.

A passer-by, witnessing the police disarm the man of a .38-caliber revolver and a .357 magnum ran into a nearby bar, Captain Walter's at 2301 Emmons Avenue, and shouted that the police were arresting Son of Sam.

The bar patrons swarmed outside and attempted to attack the prisoner, who was hustled into a patrol car and quickly driven away. The arrested man was later identified by the police as Ernest Betuina, 35, of 2472 East Second Street, Brooklyn. He was charged with illegal possession of weapons.