

LETTER FROM BERKOWITZ SAYS HE KILLED 6 PERSONS

In a letter written from his hospital cell, David R. Berkowitz, the man accused of being the .44-caliber killer, says he killed six young people over the last year.

"When I killed I really saved many lives," the 24-year-old Mr. Berkowitz wrote in a letter sent to The New York Post. "You will understand later."

In the letter, he asks the world to understand the "forces of darkness and evil." He refers to Sam Carr, the "Sam" of Mr. Berkowitz's "Son of Sam" obsession, and Craig Glassman, both former Yonkers neighbors, as "demons."

Mr. Berkowitz's lawyers, Leon Stern and Ira Jultak, said they were shocked to learn their client had sent a letter to The Post and would try to stop any further messages. Mr. Stern said that "any one who writes letters like that when he has these indictments pending is obviously not competent to stand trial."

Chief of Detectives John Keenan said he had no doubt the letter was from Mr. Berkowitz.