

# Berkowitz Is Shifted to Hospital

MARCY, N.Y., July 7 (AP) — David R. Berkowitz was transferred under heavy guard today from a state prison in northern New York near the Canadian border to the Central New York Psychiatric Center here.

“Everything went the way we expected — without incident,” said Martin H. Von Holden, the center’s director.

Mr. Berkowitz, the so-called “Son of Sam” killer, who has pleaded guilty to murdering six persons and wounding seven others in New York City with a .44-caliber revolver, arrived at 10:30 A.M. after the five-hour drive from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora. A spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services indicated that Mr. Berkowitz had been transported in a van with two other vehicles accompanying it.

## A Brief Stay Foreseen

“He is now being worked up — admitted, et cetera,” said Mr. Von Holden. “We are doing a full physical examination. We will start a full mental status exam.

“We will prepare a list of problems Mr. Berkowitz had and we will develop a treatment plan. Hopefully, if we are successful, Mr. Berkowitz, like most of our patients, will be with us a brief period of time — an average of six to eight weeks.”

He said that the center’s approach “is not to cure Mr. Berkowitz in that short period of time but to stabilize his condition so that he could function” in a state prison with a satellite clinic providing follow-up care.

The transfer to the center here was ordered yesterday by Irving Goldman, an acting Clinton County Court judge, who found Mr. Berkowitz mentally ill. Prison authorities had requested the order.



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David R. Berkowitz, in handcuffs, being led from Clinton County courthouse in Plattsburgh, N.Y.