

Inquiry Reported Into New Theory On 'Son of Sam'

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The Queens District Attorney has reportedly assigned at least two assistants and a number of detectives to look into the possibility that David R. Berkowitz, the so-called "Son of Sam" murderer, might have had an accomplice when he killed some of his victims.

The District Attorney, John J. Santucci, would not comment, but a source in his office, who asked not to be identified, indicated that investigators from the office were re-examining the files, making inquiries and conducting interviews.

The police said they were also looking into some matters possibly involving Mr. Berkowitz, who, according to his own admission, acted alone when he killed six young women and wounded seven other persons with a .44-caliber revolver. But the police emphasized that they had not reopened the case.

Elder Carr Was Called 'Master'

The new interest in the man who terrorized the city for a year, until he was arrested outside his Yonkers apartment on Aug. 10, 1977, stems from recently published reports in the Gannett Westchester Papers linking Mr. Berkowitz with the late John Carr.

Mr. Carr, who was 31 years old when he died of gunshot wounds in Minot, N.D., in February 1978, was the son of Sam Carr, a Yonkers neighbor of Mr. Berkowitz. Mr. Berkowitz, who did not personally know Sam Carr, had referred to the elder Carr as his "master" who spoke to him through a dog and ordered him to kill.

Mr. Berkowitz is now in the State Correctional Facility at Attica.

Lieut. Terry Gardner, a deputy sheriff in Ward County, N.D., who is still investigating the death of John Carr, said in an interview: "There is no doubt in my mind, based on interviews I conducted and information I have obtained, that John Carr and Berkowitz knew each other well."

He said that friends of John Carr reported that he had mentioned Mr. Berkowitz's name to them after he returned to Minot early in 1977, more than a half year before Mr. Berkowitz was captured and identified as the "Son of Sam."

Lieutenant Gardner said he had no information that would link John Carr to any of the crimes to which Mr. Berkowitz confessed. Originally, Mr. Carr's death was regarded as a suicide, but the investigation is now looking into the possibility that he might have been murdered.

The North Dakota deputy said that the sheriff's office had been visited by a New York City detective "who had a letter of introduction from the man's commander on New York City Police Department stationery." Lieutenant Gardner said that it was his understanding that the New York Police Department had definitely reopened the Berkowitz case. Yesterday, it was learned, Lieutenant Gardner received a telephone call from a Queens assistant district attorney.

John Carr, who first went to Minot while serving in the Air Force in 1974 and then stayed on after his discharge, was believed to be "selling dope" and was a member of "a satanic cult," Lieutenant Gardner said.

Deputy Chief Edwin T. Dreher, commander of detectives in the Bronx, said that some time ago a Bronx detective had obtained information from a confidential source that raised the possibility of a link between Mr. Berkowitz and another individual