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ATTICA, N.Y., July 10 — David R. Berkowitz, the confessed "Son of Sam" killer, was slashed in the neck today on a work detail at the Attica correctional facility, where he is serving 25 years to life for murder.

Mr. Berkowitz was reported to be in good condition in the prison hospital after receiving 50 to 60 stitches from the left side of his neck to the back of the neck between his shoulder blades.

A spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services, Louis Ganim, said Mr. Berkowitz would probably remain in the hospital until tomorrow.

Mr. Ganim said an unidentified prisoner had apparently cut Mr. Berkowitz with a razor blade as Mr. Berkowitz was delivering hot water to inmates in protective custody at the prison's

reception building. Unlike most inmates at Attica, the 18 in this area are issued razor blades, one at a time, for shaving.

Mr. Berkowitz was out of the sight of prison guards when he was attacked, Mr. Ganim said. After the attack, Mr. Berkowitz walked toward two guards at the end of the gallery and told them he had been cut, but he would not say who cut him.

The State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation sent officers to the maximum security prison to investigate the incident. The police said late in the day that no weapon had been found but would make no further comment on the investigation.

Mr. Berkowitz is housed in an individual cell in the reception building, he said. They are kept away from the general population of the prison for their

own safety, he said.

Mr. Ganim said that he did not know of any threats against Mr. Berkowitz but that Mr. Berkowitz had been kept in "protection" ever since his arrival at Attica last year.

Delivering the hot water each morning to the other prisoners in their cells was one of Mr. Berkowitz's duties as a porter at the prison, the spokesman said. Mr. Berkowitz typically poured the water from a bucket into individual pails in the cells, he explained, and did other odd jobs in his section of the prison.

Mr. Berkowitz, who called himself "Son of Sam," was arrested in 1977 in his apartment in Yonkers, and he pleaded guilty last year to six murders and seven attempted murders. He was assigned to the correctional facility here shortly after he was sentenced, in June 1978.