

Son of Sam: I was not the only killer

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David Berkowitz says he did not kill alone.

For the first time since he pleaded guilty in 1978 to being the lone gunman who terrorized New York City for in 1976-77, Berkowitz has admitted in a series of signed statements and letters that the sensational Son of Sam murders were committed by members of a satanic cult that he belonged to.

The letters were sent to this reporter.

Berkowitz names the late John Carr, son of his Yonkers neighbor Sam Carr, as a fellow cult member and one of his accom-

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plices in what is the biggest murder case in New York history. But he would not name any other members of the cult.

In the letters, he also wrote details of the cult's operation, plans and dark activities.

He says authorities covered up his case and "would have to be idiots to ignore the overwhelming evidence" demonstrating the involvement of others in the shootings,

which left six dead and seven wounded in 1976-77.

Berkowitz admits his complicity in the killings, but emphasizes that he was not the only gunman.

Even if his accomplices were caught, he says, "I'd still be guilty of conspiracy in some of the cases. I'd even be guilty of second-degree murder in others. So regardless, I would still have a long prison term."

But this doesn't bother me.

"Next, I could safely tell you that one (cult) member, John Carr, is deceased," Berkowitz writes. "So this would still leave me with only myself to share the guilt or proof of it. Besides, many others have vanished, scattered about all over the U.S.A. for all I know."

According to Berkowitz:

The murderous Yonkers cult, to which he says he and John Carr belonged, included both male and female members. The group, Berkowitz says, practiced a variety of rituals and followed the teachings of "occultists Eliphas Levi and Aleister Crowley, as well certain concepts of Black Magick, ancient Druidism, the Order of the

Golden Dawn, and the Basque witches of Spain."

He was instructed to get, with "inside" help, a job at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, from where he was supposed to remove dogs for sacrifices by the cult in "obnoxious religious rituals."

"I was just supposed to fill out the (job) application and turn it in," he writes. "Someone on the inside was supposed to vouch for me." Berkowitz says the plan was abandoned because of the around-the-clock presence of a security guard at a company across the street from the shelter.

Less than a week before his arrest in August 1977, he and other cult members stripped his Yonkers studio apartment of

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High school integration

Black leaders blast proposal

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A citywide coalition of black leaders vehemently criticized the ill-fated high school integration plan Wednesday, charging it "blatantly attacks" the constitutional rights of minority children in Yonkers.

Stating the plan "is a unilateral design by the white power structure to create the appearance of integration," the group faulted the plan's scope and timetable as inadequate. It also said the burden would be placed on black children to go to different schools.

The coalition is urging the Board of Education to reject the proposed plan when it meets tonight. That public meeting will take place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Saunders Trades and Technical High School on Palmer Road.

At the meeting, the school board is expected to reject or again table the plan. School Superintendent Joan Raymond, who formerly supported the plan, said Wednesday she is washing her hands of the plan and will tell the board to "do whatever they want to do" with the plan.

She did an about-face this week citing a "total lack" of support, especially from a large segment of the city's white community which criticized the plan for

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different reasons than those voiced by the black leaders in their statement.

The minority coalition said it opposes the plan because it would address integration on only the high school level and would require four years to implement.

Yonkers NAACP President Herman Keith said the coalition was spearheaded by the NAACP and the other black church and civic groups after the organizations had an opportunity to "meet, discuss and debate" the proposal with members of their organizations.

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Budget cutters

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., speaks during Wednesday's session of the Senate Budget Committee. The committee proposed \$12.5

billion in cuts, in some cases exceeding those President Reagan had proposed. Details on page A4. — AP Photo

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Thomas Delaney was reinstated as Westchester commissioner of public safety Wednesday, 23 days after he was suspended by County Executive Alfred DelBello.

However, it remains uncertain how long Delaney will remain in his position as head of the county's troubled 300-member county police force.

The county, which lost the first legal round in its effort to remove Delaney, is continuing its efforts to again remove Delaney from office, at least until a hearing is conducted on the 35 administrative charges filed against him by DelBello last month.

On Tuesday, state Supreme Court Justice Harold Wood ruled that DelBello's suspension of Delaney was "invalid and illegal." On Wednesday, Wood signed an order reinstating the commissioner.

Delaney's return became official at 3 p.m. Wednesday when his attorney succeeded in having Wood sign the order which vacated the suspension.

Shortly after returning to his bare office Wednesday afternoon — an office that was stripped of his personal files and wall hangings during his absence, Delaney said, "Our main concern is to

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Albany delegation zeroes in on Con Ed

ALBANY — Members of Westchester's state legislative delegation Wednesday announced a multi-front campaign against high Con Edison electric rates and called upon consumers to reduce their use of electricity May 2 as a form of protest.

A voluntary one-day boycott of non-essential use will "demonstrate consumer solidarity against soaring electric rates," the bi-partisan delegation of assemblymen and senators said in a press release.

The legislators launched the campaign less than a week after the state Public Service Commission granted Con Ed a 15.5 percent rate increase that will increase company revenues \$449.5 million a year.

The delegation Wednesday joined the growing list of public officials who have called upon the PSC to reconsider the increase.

Responding to that call, Francis Rivett, a spokesman for the PSC, said, "It is customary to get applications like that. But if they just come in with a rehashing of what is already known, it is never reopened."

In its press release, the state legislators also asked the federal Environmental Protection Agency to accelerate the approval process to allow Con Ed to burn coal; urged the PSC to give Con Ed immediate permission to install needed precipitators for this burning; and asked the PSC to update its 1976 management study of the utility.

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Unity with Atlanta

The Rev. Serenus Churn, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church, and The Rev. John Foley, pastor of the Church of Christ the King, tack message of support for Atlanta families on side of Messiah Baptist Wednesday. Rev. Churn

and Father Foley, who is the head of the United Clergy of Yonkers, are among participants in a city wide effort to show support for the families of Atlanta during the wave of killings of black children in that city. — Staff photo by Ed Ledes.

Yonkers reaching out to a fear-filled Atlanta

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Yonkers is reaching out to Atlanta in a series of events to memorialize the victims of unexplained child murders that are occurring in that Southern city almost 900 miles away.

Twenty black children from Atlanta's lower income neighborhoods have been found dead in a series of mysterious and unsolved slayings.

Various Yonkers groups are mobilizing prayers and financial resources to express solidarity with their troubled fellow-Americans in Atlanta.

An interfaith, interracial memorial service is being planned by the clergy for Monday, March 30, and will probably be scheduled at one of the city's high schools. The Rev. Serenus T. Churn, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church and one of the organizers, said a collection

will be taken up for a scholarship fund to send a black Atlanta high school senior to college in September.

"That way we think we'd have a kind of living memorial," said Rev. Churn.

Coordination of the interfaith service is being handled by Rev. Churn, the Rev. John Foley of the Church of Christ the King, who is chairman of the United Clergy of Yonkers, the Rev. Willie Upshaw of Mount Carmel Baptist Church and the Rev. Nathaniel Grady of the United Methodist Church of Our Savior.

The Afro-American Heritage Committee will hold a mass rally Saturday, March 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Commerce Community Center auditorium on Palisade Avenue featuring speakers, including the Rev. Herbert Daughtry of the Black United Front.

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Mrs. Harris balks at cuffs on trip for medical exams

By ED TRAPASSO
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Jean Harris, who is to be sentenced Friday for killing Dr. Herman Tarnower, the creator of the "Scarsdale Diet," exploded in an angry rage Wednesday when she was handcuffed before being taken from the Westchester jail to a hospital for a medical examination.

Mrs. Harris, who had been headmistress of the prestigious Madeira School in the Virginia hunt country, was using language described by observers as "very unladylike," showering her security guards with abuse, and screaming obscenities and profane curses.

She nearly struck a corrections officer when she propelled her fists into the air after the handcuffs were removed at

the Westchester County Medical Center, which is near the jail.

At the medical center, Mrs. Harris reportedly underwent tests for an arm "tremor" — a reaction attributed to anxiety over her pending sentencing. The tests, including a brain scan, were described as routine and showed nothing unusual.

Mrs. Harris was returned later in the day to the county jail, where she continued to be the subject of an around-the-clock suicide watch.

Albert Gray, commissioner of the Westchester Department of Corrections, said Wednesday night, "She used quite a bit of profanity. She only calmed when she was persuaded that the only way she could be taken out (of the jail) was in handcuffs."