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A 24-year-old Yonkers man, believed by police to be the .44-caliber killer who calls himself Son of Sam, was arrested late Wednesday night outside his apartment in northwest Yonkers.

The suspect, David Berkowitz, who is employed as a postal clerk in the Bronx, was arrested at approximately 10:30 p.m. as he entered his cream-colored Ford Galaxy parked outside his apartment at 35 Pine St. Berkowitz is charged with killing six young people and wounding seven others in a series of attacks in isolated areas of the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn over the last year.

Police said that Berkowitz would be arraigned this morning in Brooklyn Criminal Court.

Police said Berkowitz would be booked and arraigned today on charges of second-degree murder, attempted murder, assault and possession of a deadly weapon.

There was no immediate explanation on why the charge was second-degree murder.

Police credit the arrest to the checking of all traffic summonses issued to cars the night of July 30 in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn — the site of the .44 caliber killer's most recent attack. On tracking down Berkowitz's car, police found a submachine gun in a gunny sack and clips of ammunition inside. Warrants to search the car and Berkowitz's seventh floor apartment were signed Wednesday night by City Court Judge Robert Cacace, but were not needed when Berkowitz entered and tried to start his car.

Later, police found an envelope that they said matched the handwriting on notes allegedly written by the killer — one sent to New York Daily News columnist Jimmy Breslin and another left at the scene of an attack. Also found in the car was a loaded .44 Charter Arms Bulldog revolver.

The envelope in the car was addressed to police. Its contents included a note which read:

"Because Craig is Craig
"So Must the Streets
"Be filled with Craig death
"And huge drops of lead
"Poured down upon her head
"Until she was dead
"Yet, the cats still come out at night to mate.
"And the sparrows still sing in the morning."

Police said that Berkowitz parked his car next to a fire hydrant along Shore Road in Brooklyn. The killer of 20-year-old Stacy Moskowitz was said by witnesses to have fled the lovers lane area along the waterfront there in a yellow Volkswagon.

Berkowitz put up no resistance when the arrest was made. "He was resigned to what appeared to be his fate," said New York City Chief of Detectives John Keenan, in a press conference today. "He said, 'Well, you got me.'"

Keenan described Berkowitz as a loner, who was known to Yonkers police because of frequent disputes with neighbors. A graduate of Columbus High School in the Bronx, Berkowitz attended Bronx Community College for one year and was in the service in Korea. His father, Nat Berkowitz, is retired and lives in Miami and his mother is deceased, said Keenan.

"He was not a suspect," said Keenan, who had numerous men followed during the search. "He resembles the first composite more than the others." Witnesses who saw Berkowitz as

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Staff photo by Gil DeLerantz

Yonkers resident David Berkowitz, Son of Sam suspect, is taken into custody

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