

Indictment Expected on Bribery To Obtain Pictures of Berkowitz

At least one person is expected to be indicted today on charges of bribing city employees to obtain photographs of David R. Berkowitz, the suspect in the .44-caliber killings, while he was in a prison psychiatric ward at Kings County Hospital last fall, law-enforcement officials disclosed last night.

A high law-enforcement official, who asked for anonymity, said that bribes had been offered to a Correction Department employee and a Kings County Hospital employee. The bribes were reportedly between \$5,000 and \$7,500, the official said.

According to the official, the office of John F. Keenan, Special State Prosecutor, has obtained an indictment against James Mitteager, who was described as a freelance. Mr. Mitteager is said to have been involved in the sale of the photographs to The New York Post and The Associated Press.

Last Dec. 5, The Post published a front-page photograph of Mr. Berkowitz with an accompanying headline: "Sam Sleeps."

Mr. Mitteager could not be reached last night for comment.

Phillip Leshin, an Assistant Commissioner in the Department of Correction, declined to comment last night on the reported indictment. Mr. Leshin, however, confirmed that the department's Office of Inspector General had completed an investigation and turned over its findings to Mr. Keenan's office.

Mr. Leshin also said that the department would hold a joint news conference with Mr. Keenan this morning relating to the investigation of how the photographs were obtained while Mr. Berkowitz was under 24-hour surveillance in a maximum-security ward at the Brooklyn hospital.

Mr. Berkowitz, who was arrested outside his apartment building in Yonkers last August, has been accused of killing six young women and wounding seven other persons in New York City in a one-year period, in the so-called Son of Sam case. All of the victims were killed or wounded with a .44 bulldog revolver.

The 25-year-old Mr. Berkowitz is scheduled to go on trial for one of the murders soon in Brooklyn.

A spokesman for Mr. Keenan, the special prosecutor for the criminal justice system, said he would not comment on the reported indictment:

An official who is familiar with the inquiry said that the Correction Department employee and the hospital employee had apparently cooperated with investigators. Other indictments, however, may be forthcoming, the official added.

No Link Seen in Carr Suicide

YONKERS, Feb. 22 (AP) — The apparent suicide of John Carr, whose father figured in the Son of Sam case, was dismissed by authorities today as having no link to Mr. Berkowitz.

John Carr, 31 years old, was buried here yesterday. He died of a rifle shot in the mouth at a friend's lodgings in Minot, N.D., last Thursday. Authorities there

said he apparently took his own life. He was the son of Sam Carr, a Yonkers neighbor of Mr. Berkowitz, who was quoted after his arrest here last Aug. 11 as saying he was forced to kill because of messages transmitted to him by Sam Carr, through the latter's dog.

John was discharged from the Air Force at Minot on Oct. 11, 1976, and had been staying in the apartment of Craig O'Connor, a fellow student at Minot State College. Mr. Carr dropped out of the college on Jan. 1.