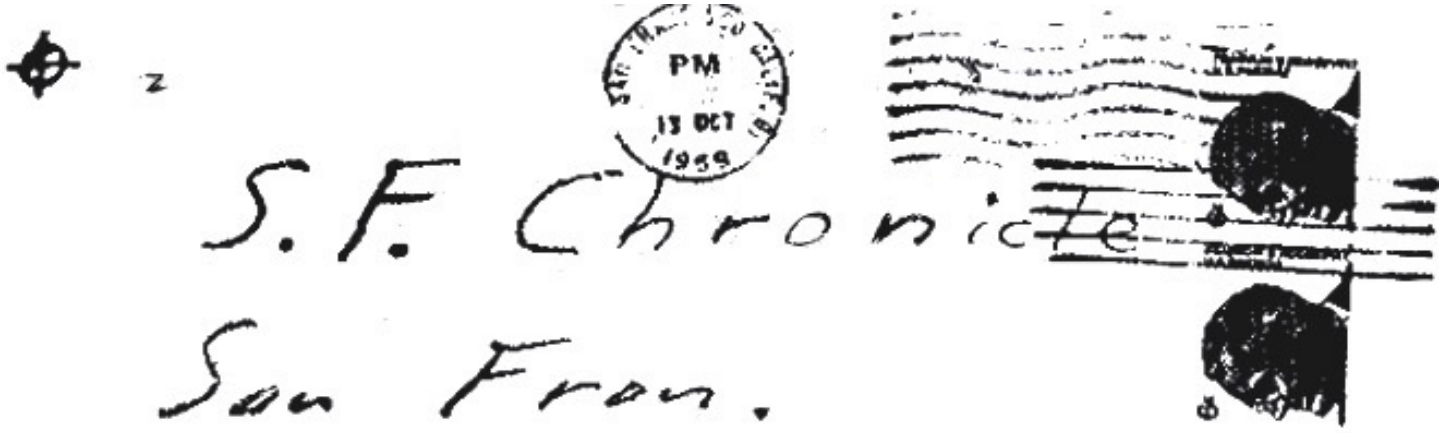


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Please Rush To Editor

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Killer of Cabbie is Linked to 4 Murders

By Hubert J. Bernhard

The psychotic killer of a San Francisco cab driver was linked today to four North Bay murders by evidence he himself sent boastfully through the mails.

Most compelling of the exhibits was a letter sent to a San Francisco newspaper, claiming responsibility for the taxi murder in the name of "The Zodiac."

Preliminary examination of the handwriting indicated it was identical to that on a letter received by The Examiner last August in connection with a Vallejo murder.

Swatch of Cloth

In addition, the latest letter included a swatch of bloodstained cloth that matches the shirt worn by Paul Stine, 29, when he was shot to death in his cab in the Presidio Heights area Saturday night.

"There are very strong indications, including the handwriting, that we are dealing with the same person," said Captain Martin Lee, chief of inspectors.

"All of the evidence is pointing toward this."

Five Letters

Lee said that while the torn piece of material "appears" to match that from Stine's shirt, microscopic examination of fibers and chemical examination of bloodstains is being made to confirm the probability.

Handwriting experts are making comparisons of no less than five different letters, he added, to establish scientifically what appears evident even on casual study.

The latest letter, like the earlier ones, bore a circle-and-cross symbol similar to that used by the slayer in three Vallejo murders.

Dates of those killings were scrawled with a felt pen at the scene of a fourth murder at Lake Berryessa.

Homicide Inspectors David Toschi and William Armstrong conferred last night with the Napa County sheriff's office, comparing evidence in an effort to confirm that the scattered murders were the work of the same man.

They took with them composite sketches prepared with the cooperation of witnesses to the Stine murder. Witnesses in the North Bay cases will be asked to study these, to, in an effort to link the crimes.

The letter received here boasted:

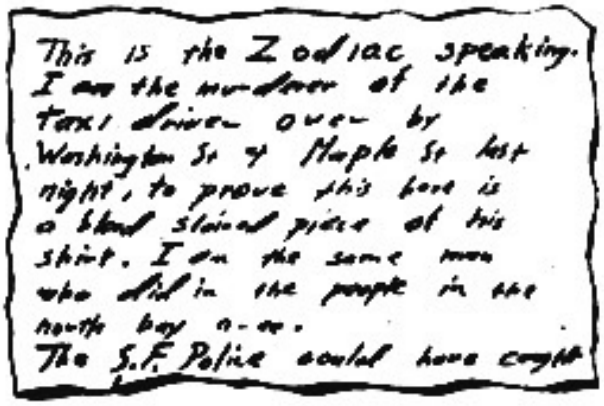
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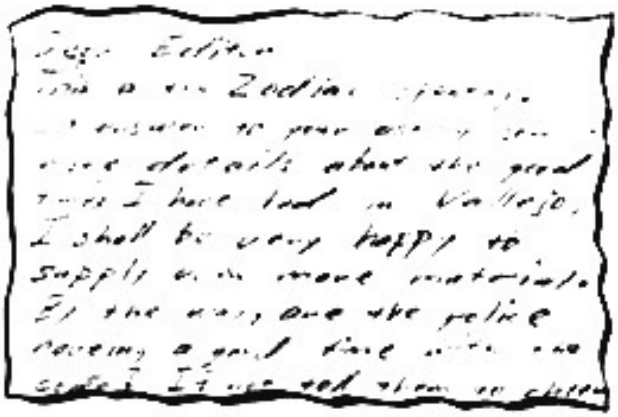
Victims

Stine's killer was observed wiping down the door and interior of the cab after shooting the driver, taking his wallet, and tearing a piece from his shirt.

The previous murders were those of Cecilia Ann Shepherd, 22, a pretty coed who was slain near Lake Berryessa, Sept. 27; Darlene Ferrin, killed at Vallejo on July 4, and Bettilou Jensen, 16, and Thomas Faraday, 17.



LATEST LETTER FROM "THE ZODIAC"
Missive boasts of killing taxi driver Paul Stine



LETTER TO THE EXAMINER LAST AUGUST
Handwriting is remarkably similar to the new note