

S. F. Chronicle



San Fran. Calif

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Dear Editor

This is the murderer of the
2 teenagers last Christmas
at Lake Herman & the girl
on the 4th of July near
the golf course in Vallejo

To prove I killed them I
shall state some facts which
only I & the police know.

Christmas

- 1 Brand name of ammo
Super X
 - 2 10 shots were fired
 - 3 the boy was on his back
with his feet to the car
 - 4 the girl was on her right
side feet to the west
- 4th July

- 1 girl was wearing patterned
slacks
 - 2 The boy was also shot in
the knee.
 - 3 Brand name of ammo was
Western
- Over

Here is part of a cipher the
other 2 parts of this cipher are
being mailed to the editors of
the Vallejo times + SF Exam
iner.

I want you to print this cipher
on the front page of your
paper. In this cipher is my
identity.

If you do not print this cipher
by the afternoon of Fry. 1st of
Aug 69, I will go on a kill ram-
page Fry. night. I will cruise
around all weekend killing lone
people in the night then wake
on to kill again, untill I end
up with a dozen people over
the weekend.



[illegible]

6:35 PM Received a ~~XXXXXX~~ phone call from George [redacted], SF Chronicle who stated that he had received a letter from Donald HARDEN 54 Chestnut St Salinas, California. In the letter Donald had broken the code and sent his work sheets to the Chronicle. Probation Office notified.

Went to San Francisco and received from George [redacted] the work sheets and the message contained in the cryptograms. The message is as follows

I LIKE KILLING PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN IT IS MORE FUN THAN
KILLING WILD GAME IN THE FOREST BECAUSE MAN IS THE MOST HONORABLE
ANIMAL OF ALL TO KILL SOMETHING LIVING IS A THRILLING EXPERIENCE IT IS
EVEN BETTER THAN GETTING YOUR ROCKS OFF WITH A GIRL THE BEST PART OF
IT IS THAT WHEN I DIE I WILL BE REBORN IN PARADISE AND ALL THE I HAVE
KILLED WILL BECOME MY SLAVES I WILL NOT GIVE YOU MY NAME BECAUSE YOU
WILL TRY TO SLOW DOWN OR STOP MY COLLECTING OF SLAVES FOR MY AFTERLIFE
BECOME RICH WITH MY PEOPLE

Called Mr and Mrs HARDEN and they stated that this is an accurate
deciphering of the cryptogram. The message checks out against itself
in all respects.

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***The Most Dangerous Game/ A Game Of Death**

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C o d e: Intelligence of medium to high order was exhibited when the killer addressed a c r y p t o g r a m message in three parts (each to a different newspaper). A letter which followed explained the code and the combined story told "killing people is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal."