

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

YONKERS, NEW YORK

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**TO:** Chief of Police William F. Polsen  
**FROM:** Deputy Chief William J. Farrington  
**SUBJECT:** Transcription of taped telephone call made to Yonkers Police Headquarters on August 9, 1977, by Detective James Justus, 10th Homicide Zone, New York City Police Department, and received by Wheat Carr, a civilian employee of the Yonkers Police Department

From the tape:

This is Captain Owen McClain from the Yonkers Police Department Communications Division. I am recording an excerpt from a tape of August 9, 1977. This is a conversation between Detective Justus of the New York City Police Department and Public Safety Dispatcher Wheat Carr of the Yonkers Communications Division, and it commences at approximately 2020 hours, said date. Conversation ends at approximately 20:29.5 hours.

FEMALE: Police Headquarters, 63

MALE: Hello...this is Detective Justus, Brooklyn Police Department.

OPERATOR 63: Yes.

JUSTUS: We would like to get a notification made up there in Yonkers...

OPERATOR: Yes, alright, hold on...

FEMALE: Police Headquarters, 82..

JUSTUS: Yes, this is Detective Justus from the Brooklyn Robbery Squad, New York City Police Department.

OPERATOR 82: Yes...

JUSTUS: I'm working in the 10th Homicide Zone, now, on the 44 calibre killer...

OPERATOR 82: Yeah...

JUSTUS: ...and I'm trying to contact a party that lives up in Yonkers... who is possibly a witness to the crime down here. That's a Mr. David Berkowitz....

OPERATOR 82: Oh no...oh no....

JUSTUS: Do you know him?

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OPERATOR 82: heavy sigh.....Could I.....I was very involved....  
This is the guy that I think is responsible.....

JUSTUS: David Berkowitz?

OPERATOR 82: ...is responsible...my father was down there, yest...Saturday.

JUSTUS: Yeah...

OPERATOR 82: ...and you also got information regar...is he at 35 Pine Street?

JUSTUS: Yes, dear...

OPERATOR 82: David Berkowitz, I don't know how you, or what, but my father went down to the 109th and you also...someone received information through uh..our Police Officers and that's because of some incidents involving shooting where we have reason to believe that this person is responsible. He also has written similar type threatening letters to the Sheriff's Investigator who recently moved into his apartment. So, I don't...

JUSTUS: Do you know David Berkowitz yourself?

OPERATOR 82: I don't know him, I, really, because of a shooting incident at my home and a fire bombing and threatening letters...

JUSTUS: At your home...

OPERATOR 82: ...and through investigation found out that this is probably the person...

JUSTUS: Did you notify the Police Department on it?

OPERATOR 82: Oh yeah, there are numerous reports on it, and information regarding this guy was given to your Department on Saturday.

JUSTUS: Yeah, well I am doing it another way, he got a summons down here, that night, right in the vicinity...

OPERATOR 82: Oh my God...he...he..you know, because we have seen him and he fits the description, this why my father went down there with his whole file....of copies of the letters we have received from him...and I believe that the Westchester County Sheriff's Department is now investigating him because he threatened a Sheriff's Investigator, my dog was shot with a .44 calibre bullet...

JUSTUS: Oh really?

OPERATOR 82: At least what was supposed to have been. The people who have seen it claim it was a .44...

JUSTUS: Ah...

OPERATOR 82: laughing...he...he...just scared me to death...now you are telling me he's a witness.....

JUSTUS: Well, we don't know, a possible witness, and from what you are telling me, a possible perpetrator....

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OPERATOR 82: um....and he owns a yellow car...

JUSTUS: He has a yellow...yeah, I'd say a yellow Ford, I believe it is...

OPERATOR 82: Yeah, yeah, yeah...uhuh.....do you...the 109th, is that Brooklyn?

JUSTUS: No, that's Queens, we're working out of the 10th Homicide Zone in Brooklyn.

OPERATOR 82: Okay..well he went...my father went to the 109th on Saturday, okay...last week someone was up here at our Intelligence Unit and at that time spoke with Police Officers Chamberlain and Intervallo and they gave him information...just on a long shot, now, because he does resemble the picture.. I don't know him personally...

JUSTUS: Alright, so you know of Berkowitz....

OPERATOR 82: Right...

JUSTUS: ...through....

OPERATOR 82:.....incidents that have occurred that I have reason to believe that you could prove in court that he's responsible for a shooting incident at my home....

JUSTUS: ...Yonkers had at home and believes Berkowitz responsible...

OPERATOR 82: ...he happens to be... he either was or is now employed as a rent a cop like a security guard....

JUSTUS: rent a cop... you use the same terms we use down here? huh?

OPERATOR 82: Yeah.

JUSTUS: Your dog shot....

OPERATOR 82:...with a large calibre bullet...it's never been confirmed because you know how it happens, right? Seventeen people have seventeen different jobs and nobody gets together and its only in the last week that these two cops and I got together and put all the reports together and got the D.D. reports where he is doing everything...

JUSTUS: Let me ask you something, honey? With his name, do you have a pistol license bureau up there that would a.....

OPERATOR 82:....okay, supposedly he has a permit either to shoot by New York City or has an application now being processed in relation to this...

JUSTUS: ...in New York City....

OPERATOR 82:.....he holds no permit in the City of Yonkers at this time...

JUSTUS:...but possibly here in New York City...

OPERATOR 82: ...possibly because he was employed as a Security Guard. Well, you know who you should get in touch with, and if you will hold

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on a minute, I will find out when he is working...alright... it is either Police Officers Chamberlain and Intervallo who for their own reasons put this all together, just because it happens to be their sector where I live....

JUSTUS: Chamberlain or Intervallo?

OPERATOR 82: Yes.

JUSTUS: Would you be able to do me the honors, please?

OPERATOR 82: Well, I'll find out where they are, they are not working right now, I know that, okay, can you hold on a minute?

JUSTUS: Alright.

PAUSE.....

JUSTUS TALKING TO BACKGROUND PERSONS:

I have something beautiful here. I wanted to talk to this guy about a summons...lives up in Yonkers...I was talking to Yonkers to get a notification made and she says...oh no not him, He shot my dog with a .44 about a month ago, he's crazy, he's sending threatening letters to the Deputy Sheriff's Office....

OPERATOR 82: Could I get your name and I'll have one of them call you back?

JUSTUS: Alright, my name is Justus...J U S T U S...uh I'm thinking what the hell number should I give you, I'll give you this one 946-3336, and that's a 212 exchange...

OPERATOR 82: 212 946-3336 and you are Detective Justus

JUSTUS: Right.

OPERATOR 82: Okay, I have....

JUSTUS: Can I ask you a favor, honey?.....Operator 82, can I get your name please?

OPERATOR 82: Sure...My name is Carr C A R R...

JUSTUS: First name, honey?

OPERATOR 82: Wheat...W H E A T...now, my father...my father is Samuel Carr he went down there with all the information the other day.

JUSTUS: Where do you live Miss Carr?

OPERATOR 82: 316 Warburton Avenue...W A R B U R T O N AVENUE, and that is immediately behind.. the back of his house and the back of mine, the back of his apartment & the back of my home face each other....There is also a Westchester County Sheriff's Department investigation because he wrote letters to this Sheriff's investigator who has the apartment underneath him saying that my father planted him there and he is going to get us

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instead. But, I'll have Pete or Tommy call you back.....I'll call them at home...

JUSTUS: Do you know how to spell the last guy's name, not Chamberlain, the...the..

OPERATOR 82: I N T E R V A L L O, just like it sounds...right.

JUSTUS: Okey doke, honey...

OPERATOR 82: Thank you a lot.....

JUSTUS: Thank you very much, dear.

OPERATOR 82: Bye bye.....

CAPTAIN MC CLAIN.....

~~This concludes this telephone conversation. The time is now 1150 hours August 15, 1977. This is Captain Owen McClain, Yonkers Police Department Communications Division.~~

31 Date of Orig. Report Mo. Day Yr.	Date Assigned	Case Number	Unit Reporting
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Victim's Name  Res.  Comm. Address, City, State, Zip, Apt. TEL Home \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Classification 45 48 49 50 51 52 53 Pct. of Arrest 56 Arrest Number

Classification Changed To: 41

WANTED PERSONS INFORMATION (INCLUDE PERSONS ARRESTED)

Name, Last, First, M.I. Address, City, State, Zip, Apt. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Last, First, M.I. Address, City, State, Zip, Apt. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_

NO.	SEX	RACE	AGE and D.O.B.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	FACIAL HAIR	NICKNAMES, SCARS, MARKS, CLOTHING ETC.	WANTED PERSONS ALARM
1									
2									
3									

61 Reporting Agency Case Number Referral Changed From To Case Status Open  Closed  Aided Number

COMPANION CASES FOLLOW-UP NUMBER

PLATE INFORMATION  LOST  STOLEN  REC'VD VEHICLE INFORMATION  REC'VD  USED IN A CRIME  STOLEN, IF STOLEN WHERE

LIC. NO. STATE YEAR TYPE NO. of PLATES

V.I.N. COLOR YEAR of VEH. VALUE MAKE INS. CODE POLICY NO. VOUCHER NO.

63 LARCENY of MOTOR VEH. ONLY 1-PARKING LOT 2-GARAGE 3-STREET 4-OTHER

ALARM NO. and PCT. TIME DATE

QUANTITY	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION, MODEL and SERIAL NUMBERS	ITEM VALUE	PROPERTY (SUMMARY)	64	66 VALUE STOLEN	72 VALUE RECOVERED
				MOTOR VEHICLE STOLEN or RECOVERED	01		
				MOTOR VEHICLE RECOVERED for or by OTHER AUTHORITY	02		
				CURRENCY	04		
				JEWELRY	05		
				FURS, CLOTHING	06		
				FIREARMS	07		
				OFFICE EQUIPMENT	08		
				T.V.'S RADIOS, CAMERA ETC.	09		
				HOUSEHOLD GOODS	10		
				CONSUMABLE GOODS	11		
				MISCELLANEOUS	13		

DETAILS, INCLUDE WITNESS AND ADDITIONAL ARRESTED, VICTIMS, DIRECTION AND METHOD OF ESCAPE, ETC. USE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE SPACE REVERSE CARBON PAPER

Subject: ATTEMPTED NOTIFICATION VIA YONKERS P.D.

1. On 8/9/77 at about 2025 hours the undersigned attempted to have Yonkers PD send a notification to one David Berkowitz of 35 Pine St Yonkers as him being a possible witness in this case due to face that his auto received a summons in the area fo this crime on 8/1/77.

2. The undersigned conferred with OPR # 82 of Yonkers P.D. re this notification. When the name Davis Berkowitz was mentioned she got very excited and asked if he lived at 35 Pine Street. When told that he did she explained the following. She known of David Berkowitz due to fact that her and her father were having problems in their area and that Berkowitz lived directly behind them in an apabtment building. Further her dog was shot with what she described as a large caliber gun beleived to be a .44 caliber. She further stated that this Berkowitz has threatened the Sheriff and had sent them threatening letters in the past. She further stated that he was working for a Security Guard Company but suggensed that her father conferr with the undersigned. A short time later the father Mr. Sam Carr phone # [REDACTED] called the undersigned. He stated that Mr Berkowitz is employeed or has been employeed as a Security Guard for either IBI or IBA Security. He saw who he beleives to be Berkowitz shoot his dog, and further stated that there were four shots fired and one hit the dog and another was found and is in the Yonkery Property Clerks at this

Report/Invest. Officer's Name Signature Com'd Name Printed Tax Reg No. Supv'r Signature

DET J. Justus BDARS J L JUSTUS 848370 [Signature]

time and that case is being investigated by a Detective Mike Lorenzo of the Yonkers P.D. The bullet is described as a large lead slug with brass or ~~brass~~ copper jacket. Mr Carr further stated that the subject lives alone and he has never observed him with a woman and stated that he has a small yellow ford. He describes him as follows:

M/W/24/5'10"/165 lbs/long brown hair/thin face with high cheek bones.

3. Mr. Carr stated that there are two police officers with the Yonkers PD that have further information on Berkowitz and they are P.O.'s Chamberlin & Intervallo.

4. The Carrs live at [REDACTED] which has their back yard behind the apartment that Berkowitz lives in.

5. Check with BCI on 8/9/77 disclosed NO RECORD on Berkowitz in Criminal or Civilian Files.

6. On 8/9/77 at about 2230 hours the undersigned conferred with P.O. Chamberlin of the Yonkers P.D. He stated that they have determined that Berkowitz had previously lived in Pellam Bay Bronx at what he believes to be 3558 Barnes Avenue until February of 1976 when he moved to New Rochell and stayed there until April of 1976 and then moved to Yonkers. Further Mr Berkowitz was going to make application for a pistol license but as of this date he has failed to do so. He further stated that he had seen Berkowitz as late as last week and describes him as having a dark complexion as if well sun tanned. Further he saw the composit in the NY Post and he stated that Berkowitz bears a striking resemblance to the sketch. He further stated that their department did a psychological profile on him and that he is disturbed.

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