

More jury tampering uncovered

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HACKENSACK, N.J. — Testimony at the double murder trial of Robert H. Holman came to a halt Thursday as investigators uncovered further evidence of jury tampering.

Superior Court Judge Paul B. Host dismissed three more jurors, bringing the total to four, but refused to declare a mistrial despite testimony that one of the jurors, Lewis Blanda of Lodi, had received a bribe without reporting it.

He rejected defense contentions that the discovery of that and four other bribes offered had made a just verdict impossible, and directed the defense attorneys and assistant

prosecutor to prepare to work Saturday, so the jury, now down to 12 members, would not become bored during sequestration.

That move was ordered Wednesday after the judge learned of the first bribe offer and dismissed the juror who received it.

Host, 39, is being tried for his role in a \$25-year-old Susan Hayes of Hawthorth and 22-year-old Susan Heave of Demarest, two Bergen County women who made headlines were found in Rockland in 1973.

Host's ruling prompted a protest from 10-a-p.m. Public Defender Frank Wagner, who claimed the bribes offers would hurt his client and said, "There's an aura about this case and an aura that can not be dispelled."

"The problem, Mr. Wagner, is that we don't know who created the rumors," Host said. "It might have been the defense."

In urging Host to continue the trial, Assistant Prosecutor Robert B. Lozman made it clear he suspects Holman of sending the bribe letters. If a mistrial were declared and Holman found guilty of jury tampering, Lozman said, the defendant would have been allowed "to benefit from his misdeeds."

The five letters offering jurors \$1,000 each to convict Holman were discovered as the prosecution neared completion of its case. Blanda, who opened one of the letters without reporting it, was dismissed Thursday after questioning in court.

The questioning revealed that the chemical machinery operator, who was hospitalized after being taken to a hospital on Tuesday night, had returned home Wednesday to find a typewritten letter containing 10-rodelle pills and a note saying, "If you convert this base, there will be another \$100 to follow. You will only be doing what is right."

The letter came to light when Blanda returned for jury duty and his mother told a deputy sheriff about it. Both the juror and his family members testified Thursday that they had been frightened by the letter's offering and had even created it out of fear.

Postmarked Hackensack and dated Tuesday, identical letters were sent to the homes of four oth-

er jurors this week, but only three were dismissed after questioning by Host.

The fourth, Peter Carson of Hillsdale, was allowed to remain on the panel after questioning revealed that he was still in the dark about the letter, which arrived at his home after Host ordered the juror sequestered at a hotel.

Host raised the sequestration order Wednesday, when juror Sharon Suttner of Englewood, who received the first of the five letters, brought it to the attention of the judge. He said receipt of the letter might have an "anonymous effect" on her verdict and tried to keep the other jurors ignorant of it. Host then dismissed Mrs. Suttner.

Another juror, Julius S. Mascari

of Emerson, was dismissed when he voice and demeanor, he seemed to judge in answer to questioning by the judge.

The questioning was aimed at determining whether Mascari and another juror, Sandra Goe of Englewood, had learned of the letters through conversations with Suttner or Blanda.

"Mr. Mascari has much more knowledge than he admitted in our questioning of him," Host said in court. He dismissed Mr. Goe when she said she had learned Holman had been convicted of plotting to kill his millionaires sons in 1973 and admitted that knowledge gave her "second thoughts" about him.

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NYC police reopen Sam' investigation

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The New York City Police Department has quietly reopened its investigation into the "Son of Sam" case.

The new investigation began two years after David Berkowitz said he was a killer who worked alone and only weeks after the Gannett Westchester Newspapers demonstrated the probability he did not "kill Sam."

"Son of Sam" was a name perhaps more - killed six young people and wounded seven others in a year-long reign of terror in New York City. Berkowitz was arrested with the .44-caliber murder weapon outside his Yonkers apartment in Aug. 10, 1977 and subsequently pleaded guilty to all the crimes, if initially claiming the name.

New York police, however, reopened the investigation in a reversal of the department's public posture that Berkowitz acted alone because they now believe he may have had at least one accomplice.

The latest investigation has taken detectives from the sidewalks of the Bronx, where at least one key figure in the original case has been interviewed since, to the foothills of North Dakota, where local and New York City authorities have questioned friends of the late John Carr.

Carr's father, Sam, was a brother of Berkowitz, who later called Sam Carr the "master" who ordered him to kill. Sam Carr lives with his family in a private home on Warburton Avenue in Yonkers behind the 15 Fine Street building in which Berkowitz resided during the 44-caliber killing spree.

While the new probe, known only to a few ranking members of the department, has been conducted under a blanket of tight security, its existence has been confirmed by authorities involved in the investigation in North Dakota.

"We and the city of Miami (N.D.) police are assisting the investigation New York has begun."

(The police authorities) saw how it was going up," a Justice Department spokesman said. "They (the police authorities) saw how it was going up," a Justice Department spokesman said. "They (the police authorities) saw how it was going up," a Justice Department spokesman said.

A highly placed North Dakota official added, "I understand that if the police investigation became known to the district attorney, there would be political pressure on them to drop it."

Over the last six weeks, the New York City Police Department has been "in constant touch" with North Dakota authorities who are

Classy catch



Orioles' fielder John Lowenstein makes a rolling catch of fly ball hit by Protives' Willie Stargell in the fourth inning of the second World Series game.



Protives' Willie Stargell in the fourth inning of the second World Series game.



Thursday night. The Protives went on to win 3-2, tying up the series at 1-1. Complete coverage - 5B.

Havana summit is topic Castro to address U.N. today

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Fidel Castro reports to the General Assembly today on the stormy Havana summit then launches with U.S. Ambassador Donald Mitchell and 90 other dignitaries after laughing off American military exercises aimed at countering Soviet troops in Cuba.

The Cuban president, guarded round the clock by a massive net of security men, travels to the United Nations' riverside headquarters in Manhattan from the retreat-like Cuban Mission on East 93rd street, where he has remained on seclusion ever since arriving in New York early Thursday.

During Castro's scheduled 1 1/2-hour U.N. visit, hundreds of America, Cuban and United Nations security men will blanket the East River headquarters and the surrounding streets, where pro-and anti-Castro groups are expected to gather. U.N. grounds will be closed to the public today.

New York police boats will patrol the river to head off any incidents similar to the 1968 attack on Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Castro's military minister. As Guevara addressed the General Assembly, anti-Castro Cubans fired a handgun at the U.N. complex from across the water. The shell fell short and splashed harmlessly into the water.

Guevara was killed in 1967 leading a revolutionary band in Bolivia.

U.N. Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim will provide a presidential welcome for Castro, who will be making his first address to the General Assembly in 19 years. The hardened revolutionary will be speaking to the 120-nation body as Cuban head-of-state, and he is expected to concentrate on the non-aligned summit he was the host of in Havana last month.

Castro's staff told U.N. officials he will speak for about an hour, far less than the more than four-hour speech he made in 1960, which still stands as U.N. record.

As chairman of the nonaligned movement, Castro tried unsuccessfully to steer the Third World nations into the Soviet camp at Havana. A slim majority led by Yugoslavia's President Josip Broz Tito, the elder statesman of the movement, blocked the shift and pushed home a declaration setting the movement firmly on middle course between superpower poles.

Castro also is expected to discuss the current flap with the United States over the presence of Soviet combat troops in his Caribbean island.

It is an arduous interview made in the United States, the Cuban leader made light of President Carter's plans to step up the U.S. military presence in the Caribbean and to stage a Marine landing at Guantanamo Bay. The U.S. Naval base in Cuba next week.

"I believe all of this is a comedy," Castro told freelance journalist Jon Alpert. "We are at ease."

Dedicated dad wants to adopt grandparents for his daughter

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — Wanted. One grandmother, about 5-foot-4, 125 pounds, gray hair and glasses.

And it might be nice if grandmother were "hale-headed and a little porky," says Bob Gohl, who is advertising in the Denver Post for grandparents for his 4-year-old daughter, Melissa.

"For a father, not a grandfather," explained Gohl, 44. "I can give her all the affection in the world — that's a sure thing. What I'm saying is kids need someone they can call grandmother and grandfather. It's an image, it's not real."

Although he has envisioned prospective grandparents for his daughter "in adopt," Gohl said Thursday he was sure if they don't match that description.

The advertisement placed merely states "Grandparents Wanted for Adoption."

"Who he is ready after," said Gohl, a furniture-store owner from this community just east of Denver, is an "everyday American sort of couple, who will visit Melissa regularly to provide a parental kind of warmth."

Gohl said his parents died when he was young, and his wife, who left him shortly after Melissa was born, is an orphan. Two couples have responded to the ad, which has run for several days. But Gohl has not made up his mind whom Melissa will adopt.

"If I do pick someone, it could be a lifetime thing, so I've got to be careful," he said.

A couple of years ago, he began thinking his daughter should have the benefit of grandparents, but didn't know how to go about finding a pair.

"I'm a member of the Chamber of Commerce, but do you go to the Chamber of Commerce to get a grandmother and grandfather? Put yourself in my shoes," he said. "It's a little embarrassing."

Gohl declined to have his or Melissa's photographs taken because he doesn't want people to feel sorry for his daughter, whom he described in a lighthearted way as "very beautiful."

He said he placed the newspaper ad on impulse, but has come to believe it really makes sense.

"If adults are allowed to adopt little babies, why can't babies adopt adults?" Gohl mused. "They need grandparents, just like grandpas and grandmas."

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NYC police quietly reopen 'Son of Sam' probe

(Continued from 1A) siding them in the investigation of new leads in the case, authorities there have disclosed. And, New York police also have interviewed associates of the late John Carr in North Dakota.

Key factors in the new inquiry are two pieces of information. One, Berkowitz and John Carr, who police did not believe knew each other, were acquainted months before Berkowitz was arrested as a mass murderer, and two, Carr was known to select associates as "Whistles," an alias of the killer.

"Whistles," a rapist and sufferer of young girls," in the "Son of Sam" letter sent to Breslin.

During a four-hour interview last year, Berkowitz said he knew John Carr, adding, "I hated him."

Berkowitz also said that "John Whistles" and John Carr were the same person, cryptically adding that if he (Berkowitz) told all he knew about the "Son of Sam" killings others would go to jail. "I don't want that to happen," Berkowitz said.

But, the Berkowitz-Carr relationship was not confirmed until police recently traveled to Minn. N.D. to interview Carr's associates there.

"John told me he looked up to Berkowitz because Berkowitz wasn't afraid to go to a psychiatric establishment," he told me they used to hang around together in Yonkers," said Lee Slaughter, a North Dakota therapist who counseled Carr.

"He also told me one of his nicknames was 'Whistles' and he had a tremendous amount of detailed knowledge of the shootings... like the kinds of cars the victims were in and things like that," Slaughter said.

"I told all this to a New York detective who called me and asked me about John Carr shortly after his (John Carr's) death. I don't remember his (the detective's) name," Slaughter said.

Another Carr associate in North Dakota said of the Carr-Berkowitz relationship, "John never said ex-

actly what it was that came between them except that there was bad blood after awhile."

According to police sources in Minn. N.D., John Carr was talking about Berkowitz as early as February, 1977—six months before Berkowitz' arrest.

The significance of the early link between Berkowitz and John Carr was explained by one New York City homicide detective who was a member of the "Son of Sam" task force.

"Then knowing each other gives a good explanation for the name 'Son of Sam' and answers a lot of questions about the Berrelli letter. There was too much intimate knowledge of the Carr family in it that Berkowitz shouldn't have been able to know by himself."

In that letter, addressed to New York City Police Inspector Joseph Berrelli and dropped at the scene of a double homicide in April, 1977, the writer called himself "Son of Sam" and described Sam (Carr's) garage, house and attic and made pointed references to Sam's heart condition.

The authorship of the Berrelli letter is one lingering question. Another is who, according to North Dakota police, John Carr claimed resembled a sketch of the "Son of Sam" killer that was released following two murders that occurred at a time when Carr had to travel to New York from North Dakota.

In an attempt to answer these questions, New York police, it has been learned, were seeking to establish a link between John Carr and Berkowitz prior to Carr's death in 1978. Despite official denials at that time, police had been seeking to question Carr.

"The detective I talked to told me Carr had been wanted for questioning," Slaughter said.

"I was there the day he got a rail tipping Sam off that the cops were looking for him," said one of Carr's friends in North Dakota. "I believe it was in the fall of 1977. John just last fall I don't know why the police never found him."

But, police were never able to locate Carr to question him prior to his death. Carr was "traveling around the country and couldn't be reached that

he might have been in Texas or something."

Carr, however, was in Minn. at the time. But he was not exclusively in Minn. Authorities say that Carr was "back and forth to New York several times during the 'Son of Sam' killings, including the period from October, 1976 until February, 1977. There were two 'Son of Sam' shootings during this time and John Carr 'closely resembled' a sketch of the killer released at that time, North Dakota police sources said.

In late January, 1978 following Berkowitz' arrest, Carr drove to New York telling North Dakota associates he would return until August. But two weeks later, in February 14, he abruptly flew back—leaving his car at Yonkers. Two days later, John Carr was found.

Carr was found shot to death in a friend's apartment on the "Maned" Ave. Police Base. His body was lying face down on the bedroom floor, his skull demolished by a slug from a 30.30 Marlin rifle, with the gun lying across the back of his legs. The bullet had been fired from his mouth at point-blank range.

"It looked like suicide and it might have been. It appears that with the tie to

Berkowitz, he would have had good reason to do himself in," said Terry Gardner, a deputy sheriff in Ward County, N.D. "But, with the position of the body and the gun, we saw how it could have been murder made to look like suicide."

He had never really closed the case, but were lacking a motive for murder," Gardner said. "We are cooperating with New York's investigation. We are looking into Carr's death, his involvement with the occult and Berkowitz. I can't go any further than that."

Minut authorities have described John Carr as a "devil worshiper" and police in New York, aware of numerous occult references in the "Son of Sam" letters and other information, are investigating the possibility the killings were occult-motivated. Minut officials say.

Two weeks ago, Gardner, who is assigned to the case, was a near-victim of a sniper attack as a shot barely missed his head. "That kind of thing is very unusual around here. I can't say it had anything to do with this case but it may have," he said.

And last week, Michael Carr, the other son of Sam

police informant who was an associate of John Carr was run off the road in Minn.

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Congress' pay impasse affects 1.3 million workers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The impasse over a pay raise for congressional staffers has cut sharply into the paychecks of 1.3 million federal workers and the number could nearly triple by Tuesday.

If no compromise is reached by Saturday, 116,000 workers from the departments of Agriculture and Housing and Urban Development will get short pay next week.

Unless the impasse is broken by Monday, the Pentagon estimates 2 million military personnel will get no paychecks at all next week.

And if there is no agreement by Tuesday, some 180,000 Veterans Administration employees due to be paid that day could also be affected.

The impasse is holding up passage of an emergency money bill needed to fund seven Cabinet-level departments and various smaller agencies. Those agencies have been getting by on money left over from the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 but have no authority to pay down after that date.

Negotiators for the House and Senate, unsuccessful in two attempts to break the impasse, hoped to try today to pass a short-term bill that would allow the government to meet its upcoming payroll.

That stopgap bill, which would last perhaps only a week, would not contain the pay raise or any provision of language limiting federal money for abortions—the other issue in dispute. The

passage would give negotiators a few more days to work out an agreement on the overall emergency bill. Resolution of the stalemate appeared near Thursday as the negotiators reached tentative agreement on the abortion language in the emergency bill.

But the conference ended in chaos only minutes later when the Senate vote first appeared to accept—but then rejected—a House provision that would have given congressionals and senators a \$1,200 a year cost-of-living boost on top of their current salaries of \$37,500 a year. House negotiators then backed out of the earlier agreement on abortion language, an action that sent the conference back to square one.

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New ratables for Ramapo

In discussing industrial ratables, the Journal-News of Sept. 24th commented, "One notable exception to the lack of sufficient industry here is the Town of Ramapo, with its industrial corridor showing great promise, some of which has already been fulfilled."

This editorial recognized a dramatic development, of which many Ramapo residents are not yet aware. Our Town is making striking progress in attracting new ratables. In fact, we have added more industrial properties since I became Supervisor in 1974 than in any prior comparable period in the Town's history.

The major development, of course, has been in our "Industrial Corridor," which gives direct access to the N.Y. State Thruway at Exit 14B. With the opening of this Exit, through the efforts of my predecessor John McAlvey and Assemblyman Gene Levy, Western Electric came in, to join International Paper at this favorable location.

But a good location does not, by itself, attract industry. Competition for desirable ratables is fierce. Corporations want to be assured that local government is cooperative and the population sympathetic.

To beat the competition, your Town administration has aggressively solicited potential ratables far and wide. Under the leadership of Councilman Mac Wortman, our Town's Industrial Commission has done a remarkable selling job. And, aided by Councilman Norman Slovik's planning experience, the entire Town Board has assured suitable land for industrial development in its zoning actions.

Among the impressive results of these efforts:

- In the "Industrial Corridor" - the new Holiday Inn Holiday, a paper recycling plant, various professional office buildings and - soon to be built - a future home for Avon research, manufacturing and warehousing, on 41 acres.
- On Route 59, west of College Rd. - Tall Pines, a major office and warehousing complex now under construction, and a men-of-art center.
- In South Spring Valley - Ram Ridge Industrial Park, home of Pinell Textiles, Rapicom Inc., Mostec Corp., Cognel Inc. and (coming soon) Lazzaroni Baking.
- On Route 45, near Mt. Ivy - a whole complex of professional office buildings.

These additions are doubly welcome - providing jobs for our residents and a solid source of tax revenue that helps ease the burden of Town, County and School taxes. Ramapo's drive for additional industry is continuing in full force, and is a major consideration in the preparation of the Town's new Master Plan, now almost ready for adoption.

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