

## Detective Fined For His Inquiry On 'Son of Sam'

By LEONARD BUDER

A Bronx detective who investigated whether David R. Berkowitz, the so-called "Son of Sam" murderer, had an accomplice has been fined 30 days of vacation time and placed on disciplinary probation for a year for violating Police Department regulations in connection with his investigation last year.

The penalties were imposed on Detective Henry Cinotti by Police Commissioner Robert J. McGuire, on the recommendation of Arnold N. Kriss, the deputy commissioner for trials, who presided over the detective's departmental hearing. Detective Cinotti, the recipient of 17 departmental awards and commendations during 17 years on the force, had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

In his report to the Commissioner, Mr. Kriss held that Mr. Cinotti had refused to reveal the source of his information in the inquiry to his commanding officer and also had given a "false and misleading" response to his superior. The detective also was said to have given confidential information to a reporter. Mr. Cinotti testified at his trial that the reporter actually was his source of information.

The detective's activities had prompted a secret Police Department re-investigation — conducted virtually entirely by Mr. Cinotti — into the accomplice theory. The new investigation was carried out despite the skepticism and even some embarrassment on the part of many department officials and others who regarded the case as closed.

### Berkowitz Admitted Killings

Last January, Deputy Chief Edwin T. Dreher, commander of Bronx detectives, said the investigation had been concluded without evidence that Mr. Berkowitz had an accomplice when he killed six persons with a .44-caliber revolver in 1976 and 1977. Mr. Berkowitz pleaded guilty to six counts of murder and is now in the state prison at Attica.

During his investigation, Detective Cinotti traveled to Minot, N.D., to look into a possible link between Mr. Berkowitz and the late John Carr. Mr. Carr, who died of gunshot wounds in Minot in February 1978, was the son of Sam Carr, a Yonkers neighbor of Mr. Berkowitz.

Mr. Berkowitz, who was not personally acquainted with Sam Carr, had referred to the elder Mr. Carr as his "master" who spoke to him through a dog and ordered him to kill.

Mr. Kriss was critical of Mr. Cinotti's actions in connection with the trip, including traveling with Maury Terry, a reporter for the Gannett organization's newspapers in Westchester County. Mr. Kriss said that Mr. Terry had actually taken part in the interviews in Minot.

Mr. Cinotti could not be reached for comment yesterday.



A man visiting a woman yesterday in the lobby of the Barbizon Hotel, one of only three hotels for women still operating in the city



The New York Times, Sara Krulwich

## For 114 Women at the Barbizon, a Grim Uncertainty

By EDWARD A. GARGAN

The days appear numbered for the grande dame of New York City's women's hotels, the Barbizon Hotel for Women.

A major reason is that accommodations exclusively for women are simply not as popular — and, the hotel's new owners say, not as profitable — as they once were. So the owners say the 655-room hotel will cease catering solely to its traditional clientele and may even close.

Many of the Barbizon's long-term residents, some of whom have made it their home for more than 30 years, have formed a tenants' association and have retained legal counsel to resist eviction. Failing that, they say, they intend to secure what they regard as an equitable settlement for their leaving.

Alice Delman, a member of the tenant group's executive committee, said that "exorbitant rents" for apartments elsewhere prevent most of the hotel's tenants from thinking about moving.

### Considering Several Options

The Barbizon's new owners say they are looking at several options for the hotel, at 63d Street and Lexington Avenue. "The one option that is not open is continuing as an all-women's hotel," said Alan Metrick, a spokesman for Barbilex

Associates, the partnership that acquired the Barbizon in May.

What the precise future of the Barbizon will be is still uncertain, Mr. Metrick said. A firm decision on the hotel's future is expected by the third week of January. Among the alternatives being considered, he said, is conversion to cooperative apartments or office space, or renovating the hotel for use by both men and women.

Barry S. Mann, the managing director of the hotel, had said last week that the Barbizon might continue as a hotel and start opening to men as well as women during the first quarter of next year.

However, later in the week Mr. Mann said that there was a 40 percent chance the Barbizon would remain a hotel, a 40 percent chance it would be converted to office space and a 20 percent chance it would be remodeled for apartments.

### Living in Hotel Since 1935

The Barbizon's senior tenant, Alice Sachs, who moved to the hotel in 1935 and has stayed there ever since — "partly out of habit and partly for economic reasons" — said she was not worried. "No one has come to me even suggesting at some point I might want to get out," she said. "There's never been any threat of eviction — never anything in writing."

Together with the Allerton House for

Women at 130 East 57th Street and the Hotel Martha Washington at 29 East 29th Street, the Barbizon is one of three remaining women's hotels in the city.

Since 1927 it has offered modest and relatively inexpensive rooms for women, including Grace Kelly, Candice Bergen, Cloris Leachman and Jill Corey.

Barbilex Associates — a partnership of the Oberon Hotels Corporation of India and a Saudi Arabian businessman, Faud Abdalla — acquired the hotel in May for \$9.8 million.

Last July, as rumors about the hotel's future spread, the long-term tenants met and decided to fight and hire a lawyer.

Fourteen residents are covered by rent control and 100 by rent stabilization. Essentially, these rent regulations establish rent levels and limit grounds for eviction. Rents range from \$45 a week for one long-term tenant to more than \$500 a month for more recent tenants.

In September, a notice posted in the lobby announced the hotel "will close its doors to all incoming business beginning Jan. 1, 1981." A meeting that month between the tenants and representatives of the owners broke up without agreement.

When it became apparent that the tenants, with their attorney, could prolong any eviction process for several years,

the notice in the lobby disappeared.

"We were trying to convince our rent-controlled and rent-stabilized tenants that it was in their interest to move," said Mr. Mann. But he said there was no interest in forcing the women out of the hotel.

"We're nice people," he said. "There is really nowhere for them to go."

Maintaining the Barbizon as a hotel while opening it to men, Mr. Mann said, is the only way to insure the interests of the present residents and at the same time revitalize the hotel's financial prospects.

### 'Turned Him Down Flat'

But Leonard Lerner, the attorney for the tenants, said, "I think what the present ownership would like is to close it and have everybody move out."

He said that two weeks ago "I said 'make me a proposal.' A day later, he said, the owners' lawyer offered the 114 tenants a total of \$1 million if they would leave. "I turned him down flat," he said.

"My proposal is very simple," he continued. "I told them that for \$10 million we could settle. Or even cheaper is to construct a building on a vacant site for 114 women. But they turned that down."

The owners insist that the women will not be evicted from the Barbizon. "They will be provided for," Mr. Metrick said. "The women will not be forced out."

## The City

### Consumer Official Says Audit Is Invalid

Commissioner Bruce C. Ratner of the city's Department of Consumer Affairs asserted yesterday that an audit of his department by Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin was based on outdated data, from 1978, and ignored subsequent improvements in the department.

The audit said that the department was losing \$1.1 million a year because of poor practices, including failure to follow licensing rules and to collect fees for weights and measures tests.

Mr. Ratner said that collections on fines for weights and measures violations rose 63 percent, to \$1,737,000, in 1979 and that thousands of delinquent cases had been referred to two major collection agencies for court suits since February and March under Board of Estimate approval.

### Hynes Is Adamant On Code Violations

Fire Commissioner Charles J. Hynes said that he would order "an immediate vacate" of seven city stores if they had not corrected various fire safety code violations by time the next surprise fire inspection was made. The stores, which were not named, were found to be "repeat" violators during each of the Fire Department's last three unannounced spot inspections, Mr. Hynes said.

### Holdup Man Kills Partner by Mistake

A gunman accidentally shot and killed his accomplice while trying to rob a man on an East Harlem street, the police said.

The robbery victim, who was also shot, was identified as Wilson Rodriguez. He was reported in critical condition at Metropolitan Hospital with four gunshot wounds.

The police said two men approached Mr. Rodriguez in front of a building at 310 East 100th Street at about 5:30 A.M. yesterday and demanded his money.

When Mr. Rodriguez refused, one of the men began firing at him. One of the bullets hit the gunman's accomplice, the police said, apparently either ricocheting off the building wall or first knocking Mr. Rodriguez and then striking the unidentified accomplice.

The gunman fled.

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