

SEQUENCE

OCCURRENCE: 2:35 a.m July 31, 19

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Mr. Robert Balsmielli and girlfriend, Margaret, see a yellow VW (no further description) pull up by Park entrance on Shore Parkway. Two people exit and enter park through Shore Pkwy. opening. Balsmielli leaves (Rearview).

about
1:30

Dominick Spinelli, tow truck driver, sees VW parked and empty (rearview). Describes it as 72-73 yellow with either Jersey or NY plates. Says black stripe on bottom where running board would be (not clear if their actually was a running board).

Witness driving west on adjacent Belt Pkwy sees man, white colored shirt, dungarees, sunglasses, holding brown paper bag standing by parkway near overpass. "undersigned (cop) suggests attempt be made at composite sketch."

Woman walking dog with husband sees similar man by hole in fence leading to Shore Pkwy. Man saw her and husband, then ducked back onto parkway greenbelt area.

Mr./Mrs. Frank Vignolla see similar man--minus sunglasses and paper bag--cross Shore Parkway, pass in front of them (apparently coming from the overpass) and walk to empty yellow VW. Stops by it as if to open door, changes mind and enters park.

VW moves some 15-20 minutes later (Zaino, parked ahead of it, sees yellow roof and hears VW engine go by (Zaino is in auto business)).

2:25 approx Girl, riding bike on nearby street north of Park, is followed by man in Yellow car (not a VW bug). Man is wearing sunglasses. Is this Berk? Is this "third man" and third car?

2:35 After shooting, at top (north) park entrance on 17 Ave. the sequence is this:

Anonymous beautician sees man in denim jacket exit park at fast pace, enter small, light colored car and speed away. Plate: _ _ 4 GVR, or _ _ 4-GUR.

Mrs. B, of 17 Ave. sees car pull away and come down 17 Ave. Too dark for her to get type of vehicle.

Anonymous nurse sees it as yellow VW, partial plate 463, state Unknown.

"Confidential informant" chases yellow VW, initially calls it a "bug". Thinks it is a Jersey plate, thinks it escaped on Verrazano Bridge. (See attached for full details).

MURPHY'S
PED NOTES
COMPLIMENT
MAP

Actual reporting sequence and steps taken:

"Confidential informant" interviewed on August 1 and August 2.
Calls it "a bug". Jersey plate.

Nurse calls on August 2, says yellow VW, 463 plate. No state of origin

August 3:

- Cops unsuccessfully canvass Independence Ave., some 10 blocks from shooting scene. This is the small one-way street VW entered going wrong way during the chase. Canvass covers Independence Ave. between 15th Ave. and Bay 8 St.
- Cops visit Ft. Hamilton, along VW escape route (further along on Belt Pkwy past canvass area but before Verazzano Bridge. At Ft. Hamilton, cops request list of VW owners from there, Ft. Totten, etc. etc. because "yellow VW could be of significant importance in this case." Military officials recommend they file request under Freedom of Information Act, which they do in name of Det. McCarthy, 11 Homicide.
- Coast Guard is contacted for names, schedules of ships coming/going in NY/NJ harbor areas.

August 4 Someone in Brooklyn mails a postcard to Moskowitz (victim) home, also in Brooklyn. It is received Aug. 5. It says, hand printed, "Son of Sam" "364" S 3 (three). Spaces between letters are as appear on card.

AUGUST 5:

- Police conduct search of 15 sewers on north side of Park, in area where VW fled. (Apparent search for a wig).
- Detectives go to photo bureau of PD and pick up photos of yellow VW (for internal distribution and possibly media, it appears).

August 6 Sam Carr visits Queens SOS task force to turn Berkowitz in as SOS suspect. Anonymous beautician phones Task Force with information on shooting: "Male, white, denim jacket, light colored hair--cheap nylon wig--dark eyebrows, exit park at fast pace enter light-colored, small auto and speed away. Partial plate _ _ 4 GVR, or _ _ 4-GUR.

Queens calls Bklyn. Brooklyn adds this: Possible 684 _ _ _ 1973 yellow VW fastback, Jersey plates, loose CB antenna on trunk, gray base! (Later), Black feature stripe on rear."

August 7 Cops in Bronx checking visually on 468 GUR, 1977 Datsun. They note: No CB antenna, no CB equipment inside, no black feature stripe on rear, license plate fastened with screws.

Police report: printouts of all Jersey VWs ordered.
200,000 VWs. 198 Combos . 4 GVR, GUR
No VW fastbacks. 72 combos 684 GUR, GVR,
no VW fastbacks
NY 4 GVR, GUR, x combos, no VW fastbacks.
12 Combos, 684 GUR, GVR, two hits, registered
owners.
Following to be done: Personal observation
of some 900 VW fastbacks.

Aug 8 Alarm is sent out to hold for questioning male, white driver of yellow VW, Massachusetts plate 379-119. If vehicle empty, keep under observation and advise NYPD major case squad.

Above were highlights of the period. Throughout were reports of people and yellow VWs being checked,

PLATES FROM MOSKOWITZ SHOOTING

Anonymous nurse reports yellow VW fleeing park and partial plate of 463.

Beautician, anonymous, reports 4 GVR or 4 GUR. Calls car "small, light colored". Saw w/m flee park, enter car and speed away.

Police, in a report I do not have as of yet, came up with possible 684 _ _ _.

Description of car:

1. Dominick Spinelli, saw car from rear 1:30 a.m. on opposite side of park. "72 or 73 yellow VW, black stripe near bottom, NY or New Jersey Plate." (Rear-view)
2. Robert Balsmielli, saw two people pull up and exit car, which was in same location spotted by Spinelli. Described it as "yellow Volkswagen". (Rearview)
3. Mr/Mrs. Frank Vignolla, who saw man matching Berk's description approach auto as if to open door, then enter park. Car was in same location seen by Spinelli and Balsmielli. They (the Vignoll) were interviewed twice by cops. First time, call it "yellow VW", second time, report says, they called in "beetle-type car." (Rearview).
4. Nurse, sees car fleeing top of park, calls it yellow VW.
5. Witness who chased it called it Yellow VW. Second interview called it a "bug." New Jersey plate.
6. Beautician called it "small, light-colored auto".

First three witness groups saw vehicle at bottom of park (South) before the shooting. VW then moved.

Next group of witnesses are at top of park, after shooting.

In report I do not have, if it exists, police somehow determined: 1973 yellow VW fastback. Loose CB antenna on rear trunk, gray base. possible first three digits 684.

JH as shooter

Violante: In the park, guy had messy hair, "afro-like", thought "he had a mustache." Grubby-looking. (unshaven)

Beautician: "man fleeing park wearing a cheap nylon wig."

Saino: "Long straight hair, looked like a wig." Unshaven.

VW chaser: "Heavy beard (unshaven). Brown stringy hair."

With JH as shooter, two scenarios emerge, and only two.

In the park, 15 min. before shots, Violante sees JH miss wig. JH dons wig for shooting, seen by Saino, seen by beautician as he flees park, and seen by VW chaser. Still wearing the wig.

Or,

John Carr is in park during shooting, he flees in VW, and he cuts through buildings to Bay 14, where he enters the restaurant, flees north on Bay 14 the wrong way with his lights flashing on and off and is seen by Mrs. Valenti doing so.

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Vignola's said nose "platter" man
Dino's sketch. matches VW chaser

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Trace Homan in Cleveland

JACKIE AS SHOOTER

Jackie, with sunglasses and paper bag by parkway, is the gunman. Jackie walks to VW, after removing glasses, goes to door, drops gun through open window, goes into park. This is VW bug.

Bug then leaves. They go to Bay 13, John stays with bug, Jackie gets ~~stays~~ in fastback, goes up Bay 13, travels over a few blocks, swings down 17 Ave, sees girl on bike, follows her, then ~~stays~~ drives down Bay 14, reconiter~~s~~ with John, goes up Bay 13, right on Cropsey, down 17 Ave. to Park. Jackie enters park 2:15.

Berkowitz, meanwhile has tailed police car and Jackie awaits all clear. He, minus wig, is seen in park by Violante. Berk comes back, gives all clear, Jackie does hit, escapes in fB, John from Bay 14 in bug, Berk from Bay 17 in Galaxie.

In alternate, Jackie meets John in park after Violante. Jackie leaves in bug, John does hit and escapes in FB. Witnesses now totally confused. Two people seen in each car.

BERKOWITZ AS SHOOTER

Mrs. Davis would have to be wrong on Car leaving Bay 17.
Mrs. Davis would have to be wrong on Berk walking Bay 17.
" "on jacket, rolled down sleeves.

Zaino would have to be wrong.
Beautician would have to be wrong.
VW chaser would have to be wrong.
Violante would have to be wrong on messy appearance and rolled up sleeves.

Or, Berkowitz was wearing a wig and fled in VW, which still proves conspiracy, since his own Galaxie was on the scene, and would have been driven by a Berkowitz look-alike.

Or, a Berkowitz-look-alike did shooting wearing a wig.

This allows Davis to be right, explains short dark hair and no jacket seen by Mrs./Mr. V. by yellow VW.

Or, John Carr (or similar) did shooting, with no wig, while Berkowitz watched from corner of park.

BERK AS SHOOTER

If VW not involved, for Berkowitz to have pulled trigger,

Mrs. Davis would have to be wrong on everything.
Zaino would have to be wrong.

Sunglasses: Seen twice at approx. 1:40 a.m. near Pkwy overpass. He is male, white, about 30 with white shirt out of trousers, dungaree pants, holding paper bag standing by parkway at 17 Ave. overpass (greenbelt). Seen by motorist traveling westbound. Detective who does report suggests composite sketch be made since witness has vivid recollection of suspect.

Woman and husband walking dog about this time see same man by hole in fence leading from Greenbelt to Shore Rd.

Note: at approximately 1:30 a.m. a man similar in appearance (ID'd by witnesses as sketch 301) is seen coming from overpass--minus bag and glasses---and walking to yellow VW parked near entrance to park on Shore Rd. He stops at VW as if to open door, then changes mind and walks into park. Description: M/W 25-30, dungaree pants, white shirt tucked into trousers, dark curly hair, golden tan, athletic, well-defined arms (rolled up sleeves), muscular build.

At approx. 2:10--2:25, a girl riding her bike on 17 Ave. is followed by a man in a yellow car. This is two blocks from murder scene. Man, who is wearing square-shaped sunglasses, keeps pace with girl south across 86 St. to around Bath or Cropsey. She runs inside, he watches her do so, and then "makes a left onto Bay 13th St. and drove down toward the Shore."

GLASSES

April 15, Bronx at 2860 Buhre, MW, about 25-30, orange compact. Glasses, no further description.

July 31, 1:40 a.m. Brooklyn, by Shore Pkwy (Sunglasses) paper bag

July 31, 1:40 a.m. Brooklyn, by hole in fence, Shore Parkway, sunglasses

July 31, 2:25 a.m. Brooklyn, 17 Ave, two blocks from scene, sunglasses, yellow car.

MUSTACHE AND GLASSES

July 29-30, two nights. 86th St. and 18 Ave. Bklyn. about 5 blocks from scene, yellow VW outside one night. MW, Brown, sandy-colored hair, medium build, mustache, brown rimmed glasses, light blue or gray short sleeved sweatshirt, small leather bag attached to belt. Bought cigarettes.

MUSTACHE

July 31, 12:05 a.m. on 16 Ave./Shore Pkwy, three blocks from scene, observed acting suspiciously by two separate witnesses: 5'8", 30 yrs. muscular build, dark hair parted down middle, white shirt out of pants, dungaree pants, mustache. Seen walking fence line on Shore Pkwy, entering dark green mid-sized auto, driving away.

ORANGE COMPACT

684-GVR NY, registered to Fred Clarke, Staten Island. 76 Toyota.

April 15, 2860 Buhre, Bronx, orange compact.

July 30, Bklyn. 9:30 p.m., Shore Pkwy. Orange compact, two people in it.

Misc.
MAURY NOTES
ON MOSKOWITZ

Two years ago, source said .44 sometimes kept in house on E. 102, Bklyn. #737. (A).

According to Klausner book, Berkowitz admits to being 3 blocks from that house on 7/31/77. He also admits to then arriving in Bensonhurst via Belt Pkwy.

Police report: map found at phone booth, Mobil station, (B) corner of Ave. U and Flatbush, 7/31/77. Map has major Bklyn. access routes outlined in ink and Bensonhurst area of shooting is blocked in red, with a number "1" pointing to place of occurrence." Berkowitz big on maps, etc. Yellow VW seen pulling up to place of occurrence in Bensonhurst at 1 a.m. (police report). (C)

76-77 directory shows Gene Alan or Allan and Maque Zimmerman sharing NY 9-0378; and Charles Kerner, 649-5795 at 737 E. 102.

FLATBUSH AVE.

FLATLANDS AVE.

AVE U

BELT PKWY

Rockaway

(B)

(C)

W-N-E
-1-5

VW DD-5

THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS ON CROPSEY AVE. IN HIS CAR DRIVING EASTBOUND AT 2:45 A.M. ON SUNDAY, 7/31/77, AND AS HE APPROACHED THE INTERSECTION OF 17th AVENUE AND CROPSEY, HE HAD TO JAM ON HIS BRAKES TO AVOID A COLLISION WITH A YELLOW VOLKSWAGON -- OCCUPIED BY ONE MALE WHITE WHO DROVE THROUGH THE RED LIGHT AT 17th AVE. AND MADE A LEFT TURN IN FRONT OF HIM AND DROVE WESTBOUND ON CROPSEY AVE.

AS THE DRIVER OF THE VOLKSWAGON DROVE OFF, HE CURSED AT THE OPERATOR OF THE OTHER VEHICLE. THE OPERATOR OF THE OTHER VEHICLE IS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION. AT THIS POINT, THE OPERATOR (SOURCE) MADE A U-TURN AND CHASED THE VW. AS THE SUBJECT FOLLOWED THE VW HE NOTICED THAT THE VW WAS DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS. THE OPERATOR OF THE VW PUT HIS LIGHTS ON, AND THEN PUT THEM OUT AGAIN WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED. THE SUBJECT PUT HIS HIGH BEAMS ON IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VW, BUT WAS UNABLE TO READ IT. HE THOUGHT IT WAS A NEW JERSEY PLATE. THE VW MADE A LEFT TURN ON 15th AVE. AND WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SUBJECT. THE VW ACCELERATED IN AN EFFORT TO LOSE THE SUBJECT. THE VW MADE A RIGHT TURN ONTO INDEPENDENCE AVE. AGAINST TRAFFIC AND DROVE ONTO THE BELT PARKWAY WESTBOUND.

AS THE SUBJECT TRIED TO FOLLOW, HE WAS BLOCKED DUE TO A VEHICLE EXITING FROM THE BELT PARKWAY. HE WENT ON THE BELT PARKWAY, WESTBOUND, AND TRIED TO CATCH UP TO THE VW, BUT LOST IT. HE CONTINUED TO THE 4TH AVENUE EXIT, WHERE HE GOT OFF, BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE VW. HE THINKS THE VW WENT ONTO THE VERRAZANO BRIDGE.

THE SUBJECT WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION OF THE DRIVER OF THE VW AND HE STATED THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY HIM IF HE SAW HIM AGAIN.

HE STATED THAT IN THE NEAR-COLLISION WITH THE VW, THEY WERE BOTH COMING TO A STOP AND HE WAS LOOKING RIGHT INTO THE FACE OF THE VW DRIVER. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE DRIVER OF THE VW HAD ONE HAND ON THE WHEEL AND HIS LEFT ARM OUT THE WINDOW HOLDING ONTO THE DOOR FRAME. IT WAS AT THIS POINT, THAT HE NOTICED THE VW DRIVER HAD HIS SLEEVES ROLLED UP TO HIS ELBOWS. A FURTHER DESCRIPTION IS MALE, WHITE, 30 YEARS, BROWNISH HAIR, STRAIGHT AND MESSY WEARING A BLUE SHIRT WITH THE SLEEVES ROLLED UP.

AUG. 1 Det. CADREUX & Det. S. L. NELSON

AUG. 2 ZIGO, GARDELLA, FALOTICO

HIGHLIGHTS REPORTS OF 5/16/81

On August 3, an unsuccessful canvass of homes on Independence Ave. between 15 Ave and Bay 8. This was one-way street VW traveled in wrong direction during chase by witness.

On August 9, Robert Violante, interviewed for third time, said man could have been wearing a wig (the man in the park).

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Coast Guard was also contacted for schedules of ships coming and going into NY/NJ harbors (looking for a pattern).

At about 1:40 a witness driving west on Belt saw man, dungarees, white colored shirt, sunglasses, holding a brown paper bag standing by parkway near overpass. "Undersigned (cop) suggests attempt be made for a composite sketch."

Woman walking her dog on Shore Rd. about same time as above saw similar man by hole in fence leading to Shore Rd. Man saw her and husband, ducked back onto parkway greenbelt area.

Note: From earlier reports, Mr. and Mrs. Vignolla saw similar man cross to yellow VW--minus the sunglasses and paper bag. They picked out Mrs. Davis profile sketch of man she id's as Berkowitz.

Cops interviewed one "potential" in Starvelt City; Brooklyn, asked supt. if man had parking space assigned. Then talked to guy. Report said, "He did not have a yellow VW."

Up in Bronx, checking on a plate, cops found 77 gold Datsun. Plate was similar to beautician's call (GUR). Noted no CB antennae on rear, no CB antenna inside, noted license plates attached with screws, noted no "black feature strip on rear".

X Mrs. Valenti of Bay 14 "about 3" sees yellow car traveling up Bay 14 in wrong direction at a high rate of speed with lights blinking on and off." (This report raises possibility of three cars. Berk's, this one, and VW.

Two Yonkers cops had .44 Charter Arms Bulldogs test-fired Names are Datwyler ~~and~~ and _____.

Guy named Monter from DeHaven Drive turned in as possible suspect. Weird, gun and police freak, hack license, security guard at Alexanders (NYC).

Specific locale of Breslin letter: Mailbox staked out, people interviewed July 7-8, sketches left. Box corner of Myrtle and Lorraine, Englewood. Moskowitz's got post card mailed from Bklyn, dated Aug. 4.-364 S 3. Underneath that it said Sonof Sam.

Mr./Mrs. Robert Balsmielli see a yellow VW (no further description) pull up by park and two people exit and enter park. (1:10 a.m)

Mr./Mrs. Vignolla, who see man matching Berkowitz' description approach yellow VW an hour before the shooting, describe it 5 days later as a beetle-type. (They were behind the car, got rearview).

Dominick Spinelli, # also behind the car, and interviewed a few days after the shooting, sees it parked, and empty. He describes it as 72-73 yellow Volkswagen with either Jersey or NY plates. Says it appeared to have a black stripe on bottom near where running board would be (not clear if there really was a running board).

The VW now moves. We know that because it was gone when other witnesses pulled up shortly afterwards, and because witness Zaino, parked in front of where VW was, heard VW engine and saw yellow roof go by. (approx. 1:45 a.m.)

Now, after the shooting, at the top of the park, the sequence is this:

- August 1 and 2: the "confidential informant" who chased yellow VW calls it a "bug".
- August 2 Anonymous nurse calls cops with report of a Yellow VW fleeing top of park area after the shots, which she heard. Partial plate 463 _____. No further description of VW or state of plate registration.
- August 6 Anonymous beautician phones, says she saw man exit park in a hurry, enter small, light-colored car and flee. Partial plate, _ _ 4 GUR or GVR.
- August 7 Queens cops call Brooklyn. Queens gives Brooklyn the beautician's information, and Brooklyn responds with some of their own. They have possible 684 _____. They further describe a 72-73 yellow VW fastback, Jersey plates, loose CB antenna on trunk, gray base.

I am obviously missing the report about how they got 684 and how they came up with the "fastback" angle. They could have reinterviewed witnesses, showed them pictures of VWs, and the "bug" then was actually ID'd as being a fastback. Question: Could witnesses, chasing VW or seeing it before shooting and not paying all that much attention to it confuse a fastback with a bug? Or, to some people, are all VWs "bugs"?

I must also be missing another two reports, or maybe three, beyond the "684" issue. Reason: On Monday, August 1, the Times and News both had the VW. Yet, the reports I have do not occur until Aug. 1. There must have been a couple of July 31 reports on yellow VW in order for papers to have it in Aug. 1 editions.

PLATES/Cars

Plate numbers described by witnesses:

Nurse: 463
cops: 684
beautician: _ _ 4 GVR, or _ _ 4 GVR
postcard: 364

Three sets of witnesses at south end of park before shooting described vehicle as beetle type yellow VW. One witness said 72 or 73. He was a tow truck driver, familiar with cars. All had a rearview of car. None were right behind it. Distance behind questionable, but could have been 50 yards.

After shooting, nurse at top of park said yellow VW, no further description. VW chaser described it as a bug on August 2.

Yet, on August 6, cops had: 73 yellow VW fastback, loose CB antenna rear trunk, gray base, New Jersey plate, possible first three digits "684".

Where did that description come from? No DD-5 has been found about it, but that doesn't prove one doesn't exist. On the other hand, to some people (witnesses) perhaps all small VWs are "bugs". Or, at night, perhaps there was just confusion over bug versus fastback, since rearviews were involved.

But:

Klausner's SOS book, which is loaded with half-truths, contains a passage about the yellow VW, with information from Det. Sgt. James Shea, positively exposed as telling half-truths elsewhere in the book. The VW passage states that a witness chased a yellow car he couldn't even identify through Bay Ridge (wrong--but Bay Ridge is a few miles away, lessens importance presented that way). Book then says witness was hypnotized and under hypnosis came up with "souped up version of famous bug".

So, we know cop's description came from someone who saw car from rear. We know also that "loose" antenna strongly suggests someone who saw the car in motion. New Jersey plate we already had from VW chaser.

Put together, with the half-truth in the book, it seems likely that the VW chaser, under hypnosis, determined "Fastback", possible 684 and CB antenna, loose."

We know the chaser saw car from rear, thought it was a Jersey plate, had trouble reading plate, would have noticed later mentioned "Black feature strip" on rear, and, chasing car, would have seen if antenna was loose.

Name of witness given in book is Anthony Terraro. If not a phony name, he's most likely our guy and the source of that puzzling information---garnered under hypnosis.

SMALL, LIGHT-COLORED CARS KNOWN AS OF 5/12/81.

1. The VW Berkowitz drove Feb.-April, 1976 in New Rochelle. Plate unknown. It was not Berkowitz' car (He had the Galaxie). VW described as yellow or beige.
2. Steven Cassara, son of Berk's New Rochelle landlord Jack Cassara. Wife, Nann Cassara. 174 Coligni Ave. New Rochelle. Steve observed in 12/77 driving possible VW wagon, yellow or white. Also possibly a fastback.
3. Craig Glassman, middle initial R. 35 Pine Yonkers, formerly 34-68 Glenwood Ave. Yonkers. Said by Yonkers police to have driven small yellow car in 1976-1977. Ex-wife, Marguerite. Glassman's current plate: CRG-44. Prior plate unknown.
4. John Charles Carr, DOB 10-12-46, said by police sources to have been seen driving a yellow VW. Not registered in his name.
5. Mike Speros, DOB 2/12/44. 1972 VW, allegedly a suburban, but called a "bug" in recent SOS book. Plate GRK-44. Removed plate in 12/77.

A yellow Volkswagen, similar to the one evidence shows was used in the Moskowitz murder, has now been linked by investigators to the late John Carr, whom Berkowitz previously named as one accomplice in the Son of Sam killings in letters to this reporter. Carr was the son of Sam Carr, Berkowitz' Yonkers neighbor. The younger Carr died in either a murder or suicide in Minot, North Dakota six months after Berkowitz' arrest.

But the hospital worker, not Carr, pulled the trigger in the Brooklyn attack, the sources say.

Berkowitz has refused to reveal the hospital worker's identity, but investigators have developed information which suggests his first name might be "Jeff", a ^{NEW YORK AREA} hospital employee now linked to Berkowitz whose physical description is similar to that of the gunman provided by witnesses at the Moskowitz murder.

Queens District Attorney John Santucci reopened the Son of Sam case in late 1979 after these newspapers published the results of an investigation which found Berkowitz had not acted alone in the shootings, as he first claimed, and was likely involved in cult activity with John Carr and others.

Yesterday, Santucci declined comment on the "hospital worker", saying, "Brooklyn is not in my jurisdiction." However, five of the eight separate .44-caliber attacks did occur in Santucci's jurisdiction, and he has publicly stated he believes Berkowitz was part of a conspiracy.

"We are continuing to evaluate and examine Berkowitz and his associates with regard to the Queens cases only," Santucci said. "However, I maintain my belief that Berkowitz was not alone in these killings."

The case has not been reopened in Brooklyn, or in the Bronx, the location of the other Son of Sam homicides.

In July, 1979 these newspapers published their first report on the Moskowitz/Violante attack, which concluded that Berkowitz had lied in his 1977 confession, was not the gunman that night, and that top police officials and then-Brooklyn D.A. Eugene Gold withheld vital information which could have destroyed the already precarious case against Berkowitz as a "lone" assassin.

In 1980, Gannett added information that the killer escaped in a yellow Volkswagen following a dramatic, high-speed chase by a witness. The details of the chase, contained in confidential police files, ~~was~~ ^{were} also withheld from the public while Berkowitz was allowed to plead guilty. Berkowitz ^{WHO NOW ACKNOWLEDGED THE VW'S ROLE} says he pleaded guilty out of fear for his own life and that of his father.

Authorities also suppressed a letter found in Berkowitz' apartment in which he mentioned the involvement of a cult which had set a goal of killing 100 young people in the New York area.

And earlier this week, these newspapers reported that contrary to police claims at the time of his arrest, Berkowitz' .44-caliber Bulldog revolver could not be identified ballistically as the weapon used in any of the Son of Sam shootings, including that of Violante and Miss Moskowitz.

Now, from sources in Brooklyn, these newspapers have obtained the contents of the police file on the Moskowitz murder, and through those documents, ^{INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES,} Berkowitz' statements, and the information from the other sources, it is possible to accurately re-create the events of that night more completely than before.

The information in the documents supports Gannett Newspapers earlier reports and Berkowitz' statements about the existence of a conspiracy and the presence of more than one perpetrator at the scene

And ironically, the reports and new evidence also clearly demonstrate that the massive police thrust in the Moskowitz murder probe had been correct from the outset, only to be inexplicably abandoned and buried by top officials immediately following the fortuitous and unexpected arrest of Berkowitz who, as the owner of a Ford Galaxy, was only considered a low priority "possible witness" to the crime. Moreover, his confession was contradictory to established crime scene evidence.

The shooting itself, as recorded by neighbors' calls to NYPD's 911 emergency computer, occurred at 2:35 a.m. But, never made public until now, the scenario actually began to unfold some 90 minutes earlier:

