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M. Terry conversation with John Foote, director of Mt. Vernon Animal Shelter.

Foote is a former New York City cop who spent 20 yrs on the force. As a result, he was helpful and provided insight during the interview.

There have been two thefts at the Mt. Vernon shelter recently, both just prior to Halloween, and both involving German Shepherds. From the conversation, it is apparent that the thefts were the result of an "inside" job.

Both occurred after hours, for one thing, and the dogs ### were in locked cages. There was no forced entry. However, all regular employees have keys, and former employees may have had duplicates. The circumstances of one theft were:

With a key, one can enter the building after hours, but unless the alarm company is called and given a code word, the alarm will go off.

At 10:39 p.m. last Thursday, the alarm company was called from the shelter and given the code word (which had not been changed for quite some time). The caller then identified himself as the Greenburgh animal warden, who has keys because Greenburgh delivers dogs to Mt. Vernon. The Greenburgh warden, a black fellow named Peter Neal, obviously denied it had been him. There is no reason to suspect Neal.

Greenburgh, home of the Candlelight Inn, etc., also has several assistant wardens, all of whom have keys. They are: James Matthews, Rich Robinson, Donald Weiss, and Ann Dudzinski. She is described as white, homely, about 24, a resident of Mt. Vernon, and a member of a "moonie type group" who "goes on religious retreats and for counseling when she gets lonely. She's a lonely type of girl," says Foote. She has religious bumper sticker on her car---Perlman says Way people also do this. In addition to the Greenburgh folks, all of whom are white except Neal, there are a number of Mt. Vernon Shelter employees, past and present, who have had keys, know the Greenburgh people, and know the code word. They are: Bob Taylor, Norman Goldberg, Charles Acri, Peter McCauley, Tom Smith, and new assistant warden Karen Carenthe. Carenthe just got married and is on honeymoon. Her new name is Buffoli. She has been in the east about 4 years, from California, and recently worked for a vet, perhaps in Peekskill. All the others are white, in their 20s or 30s.

Black employees are/were: Michael ### Bailey, Ernie White, George Turner, Craig Lewis, and a guy named Dickerson.

Acri's father works for DPW; McCauley is now a member of Post Office in perhaps Pleasantville, and Dickerson, who was busted for drugs--- for selling them out of animal truck---is now with DPW. White was a Vietnam vet.

The inside operation is identical to the one DB said was planned in Yks.

SHEPHERDS STOLEN FROM MT. VERNON SHELTER; MORE FOUND

BLAIN IN YONKERS

David Berkowitz says NPS
A plan identical to the one proposed by the Son of Sam cult
to steal dogs ~~from~~ from the Yonkers Animal Shelter at night has
recently been carried out at the nearby Mt. Vernon Animal Shelter.

According to manager John Foote, on three occasions between
late October and December of last year, someone entered the
premises during the night and removed a total of three German
shepherd dogs. No other breeds of dog were taken, Foote says.

In Yonkers over the last two weeks, three more German
shepherds were found beheaded, and at least one of those had
an ear sliced off---the same practice followed by John Carr's
cult in Minot, and on the aqueduct near Berkowitz' home. One
of the dogs had its tail missing, also.

The dogs were found near the Yonkers railroad station,
the Ludlow station in south Yonkers, and the Glenwood station,
in Berkowitz' neighborhood.

Additionally, a caller reported finding yet another dog's
skelton near the Ludlow station "surrounded by a circle of rocks"---
an occult magic circle used for sacrificial rites.

"This is entirely out of hand now," says Tony Catalano of
the Yonkers shelter. These dogs were beheaded cleanly, and all
within a week's time. This wasn't accidental---not by any means.
I wish someone responsible for investigating these things would
do so."

The dead German Shepherd found beheaded near the Glenwood
station belonged to a Yonkers resident who lives near ~~Untermyer~~ *Untermyer*
park. It still had its identification tag. Another resident of
that area has recently reported his German shepherd missing, and ~~says~~ *said*
he ~~was told~~ *reported a dog that* the dog was hung from a tree in Untermyer Park. He said he

the area, but to no avail.