

The Yonkers investigation began about April 21, 1996, in the aftermath of two meetings: one of which, on March 28, 1996, was held at the home of the deputy mayor. That session was attended by the mayor, an NYPD detective, a retired detective lieutenant from the Yonkers PD, and an investigative reporter.

The retired Yonkers police lieutenant attended that meeting for two specific reasons, as he, himself, stated at that time and re-stated again just two weeks ago: to inform the attendees that there indeed was strong evidence of a conspiracy in this case, and to advise city officials that the Yonkers commissioner would do nothing about it---despite the evidence---unless he was directed to do so.

The second meeting occurred on April 12, 1996 in the office of the deputy mayor, and included the Yonkers police commissioner, an NYPD detective and the investigative reporter. In the aftermath of that session, only one Yonkers detective, Kevin Murphy, was assigned to the case on a part-time basis.

#### Jurisdiction and crimes:

1. **The SOS conspiracy.** There are participant statements and additional files of supporting evidence which conclusively demonstrate the existence of this murder conspiracy. Specifically, the evidence reveals that following the development of an overall plan at a now-identified residence in the White Plains area, the SOS conspiracy itself was plotted in Yonkers.

In other words, after the general plan was put in place, the subsequent plotting for each of the eight separate SOS attacks took place in Yonkers. The crime is murder conspiracy. There is no statute of limitations. Yonkers has jurisdiction.

2. **The Untermyer case.** This investigation overlaps and intertwines with the SOS inquiry simply because it involves many of the same players and leaders. That is, both investigations are joined at the hip, and success in one inquiry leads to success in the other. To date, a significant total of *four informants* have provided the same information about the very same area of Untermyer Park. Those allegations are supported by complimentary information from at least *two other informants*, and by the established fact that many dozens of kids vanished from Graham during the years in question and were never accounted for.

Of course, the great majority of these kids were probably runaways. But this investigation is focused on the others---some of whom are alleged to be buried in Untermyer. How many kids may be there is subject to guesswork, but seven professionals with knowledge of this situation all believe there almost certainly are a number of bodies in the park. The best estimates of that

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number range from 5 to 15.

It is this writer's belief that technology may enable this inquiry to be conducted without any publicity. Radar/sonar, something similar to infrared photography from a helicopter, etc. It's also worth giving the so-called "cadaver dogs" a try, even though it's questionable they will be successful due to the number of years that have elapsed. In brief, this is a forensic and/or engineering matter, and to date it is disconcerting that a viable plan to deal with this situation has yet to be formulated by Yonkers PD.

Suggested timing for this operation: November, after the underbrush is gone for the season, and before the winter frosts set in.

3. Other crimes. There is a laundry list of other serious crimes connected to this overall cult scenario. The statute of limitations has expired on all but murder and murder conspiracy. Along those lines, evidence of other homicides is in hand. But to date, it is not certain if any of those additional homicides occurred in Yonkers---but it is likely that, as the investigation progresses, that question will be answered.

### TARGETS OF THE INVESTIGATION

There are more than 20 main targets, all of whom have been identified. These include SOS leaders and shooters, Process cult members and leaders, and top suspects in the Untermeyer case---some of whom were involved in all of the group's operations.

Briefly, a merger between the pre-existing Westchester cult and the British-originated Process occurred in 1969 or 1970. That alliance later resulted in the SOS shootings, as well as other serious crimes before then---including the alleged murders of children at Untermeyer, the production of child porn, the operation of a child prostitution enterprise, drug dealing, and so forth.

As for the Westchester cult itself, the evidence reveals that it existed in Yonkers since the early 1950s, and may still be operating in Yonkers today, albeit in a more subdued, or low-key form. That possibility exists simply because many of the players from the 70s are still in metro NY; and some even remain in the city of Yonkers itself.

To successfully prosecute any of the main targets, we need to "flip" or "turn" a few of the lesser fish. (Their names, and a synopsis of each are included in the attached report.) The very good news is that, in a secular sense if not yet in a courtroom, this case is effectively solved because the names of all the major players are known, and the roles they and supporting characters and associates played have been established.

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Also on the "good news" front, there are at least 75 people with relevant knowledge on the "wrong side" of this case---and we only need to "flip" about three or four of those in order to get the case to a grand jury.

Yet, and inexplicably, Yonkers PD has *only interviewed 12 people in the last 16 months*---a pathetic tally---even though excellent data have been obtained from fully half of those, which is a remarkably good ratio. Also, at least three of those subjects have now hired lawyers---which is a good sign because these are cult affiliates whom we want to deal with, not put in prison, and their attorneys can make them see it would be in their best interest to cooperate with the investigation.

In fact, the information that's been obtained thus far has conclusively corroborated the conspiracy's existence. But strangely, instead of then being "inspired" to push forward, Yonkers PD has been slacking off. Only *one* individual, who has been talked to three times, has been interviewed over the last *three months*. Further, just one detective has continued to work part-time on this case, when it is clearly evident that more help is urgently needed---and on a full-time basis.

To put it mildly, this non-performance, lack of initiative, and foot-dragging on a case that has effectively been solved for them raises legitimate questions. It is no secret in law enforcement circles that there are just two ways to investigate a case. The first way is to be aggressive, beat the bushes, haul people in for intense questioning, pull relevant files and do basic research, etc., in order to make arrests. The other way is to slough off, stall, not provide the requisite manpower, and so forth. In other words, pay "lip service" to an investigation, but in reality do nothing to solve it.

It is known that two people in the Yonkers PD in the '70s (they are no longer there) were involved in this case---to the point of actually being at SOS crime scenes. It is also a fact that extremely relevant reports about this conspiracy---reports which emanated from Yonkers citizens and even from other Yonkers police officers---were not pursued by Yonkers PD in the immediate aftermath of Berkowitz's arrest.

It is also alleged by more than one source that some "respected" Yonkers residents were involved in the cult's child sex and drug operations---and possibly the murders of kids, as well. In fact, we do have the names of those "respected" citizens in hand, but at this time there is not enough evidence to charge any of them. At least not yet. In addition, there is also information which strongly suggests a few from the Yonkers PD in those days (they have since left the department) may have been involved with the group's drug and/or sex activities.

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To the point: with that background and those possible connections, the current behavior of Yonkers PD is curious. It suggests a "blue wall of silence" may have been built.

In summary, this investigation involves much more than solving crimes from 20 years ago, horrendous as they may be. Specifically, many of those involved from the so-called Westchester cult are still walking the streets today---including the streets of Yonkers. And, based on their past activities, it is not assuming an alarmist posture to note that they may be involved in serious criminal activity today, or can be again in the future. As now-retired Queens District Attorney John Santucci put it: a big part of law enforcement's job is supposed to involve prevention, not just reaction.

A graphic example of present and future crimes involves the Sam cult's Process allies, who are the main instigators of the Son of Sam killings and are among the top suspects in the Untermeyer matter, as well. The Process is intact today, with its main leaders from the '60s and '70s all together on a ranch in the west. Since the Process cult began, it has been focused on the impending Millennium. One of its documented prime goals was to cause as much havoc and violence as possible in society so that Armageddon could occur at the Millennium. As we all know, the calendar is moving ever closer to the year 2000.

And yet these people---and other cult members who today are in Westchester and even Yonkers itself---still remain free.

However, there is a legitimate opportunity to finally bring down this organization, arrest a number of the Son of Sam conspirators in Westchester, determine if their child sex and child porn operations are still functioning, and resolve this highly disturbing Untermeyer matter once and for all.

But, as Yonkers PD knows, it will never happen with only one detective working part-time on this monumental national case.

In November, David Berkowitz will speak out publicly for only the second time in 20 years. That interview is "in the can" already---and he has some extremely relevant and sensational things to say. He also says, flat-out, that this conspiracy was planned in Yonkers, and he ties the infamous yellow VW from the Moskowitz scene to named Yonkers residents. He also names a couple of big-money people who were involved with the cult.

Needless to say, Berkowitz's comments will engender intense media reaction. It would be far better for Yonkers to be prepared and ready for this development. The city has a golden opportunity to look very good here---to be on top of the situation by virtue of its investigation. But in order to do so, it would be very helpful to commit more manpower to this case.