

# 'I'll Do It Again,' Killer Tells Cops

## Note Left in Death Auto Provides 1st Solid Clue

By WILLIAM FEDERICI and PAUL MESKIL

A handwritten note, taunting the police and warning that "I'll do it again," was left by the psychopathic 44-caliber killer in the car in which he murdered his latest victims, The News learned yesterday.

The note, which could provide the first solid clue to the killer's identity, was in an envelope addressed to Capt. Joseph Borrelli, commander of the Queens homicide squad.

It was found on the front seat of the auto in which Valentina Suriani, 18, and her boy friend, Alexander Esau, 20, were fatally wounded early Sunday a block from the girl's Bronx home.

The couple had parked in front of 1375 Hutchinson River Parkway. The killer apparently leaped in front of the

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1969 maroon Mercury Montego and, without warning, fired four shots through the windshield, hitting Miss Suriani once in the head and Esau three times in the head. Then the gunman tossed his previously prepared letter through the car window.

Detectives said yesterday that ballistics tests indicated that the .44-caliber bullet used to shoot the couple had come from the same old-fashioned Western-style gun that killed three young women and wounded four others in Forest Hills and Floral Park, Queens and in the Bronx.

### "A Real Sicko"

Although police brass and homicide officers declined to discuss the note's contents, another official source said the note confirmed suspicions that the killer is a homicidal maniac. He said it was written by a "real sicko" who was "taunting the police and daring them to catch him."

In writing it, the source said, the killer "came close to giving clues, but in a rambling, almost incomprehensible style." He said that the note indicated the killer "lives in a nightmare world where he sees blood-sucking vampires and Frankenstein monsters."

The note indicated that the killer had been reading newspaper accounts of the murders and had been following the investigations very carefully. "He indicated his belief that homicide officers don't know what they're doing," the source said.

He also expressed the belief that the killer probably is "an ugly man who has trouble with girls" and had probably been rejected by a young woman with long-brown hair.

All his female victims have had shoulder-length brown hair.

Detective Chief John Keenan said there was "nothing in the letter to indicate any reason for these killings." He refused to say anything more about the note because "this letter could prove to be a very important piece of evidence after we've captured this madman."

Another source said that the hand-

### An Appeal To a Killer

The News is appealing to the killer of Valentina Suriani and Alexander Esau to give himself up before he commits any more crimes or is killed or wounded himself. If he has any reservations about turning himself in to police or other authorities, we urge him to surrender to The News. We will undertake to deliver him safely to police. If wishes to contact The News, he may reach us at (212) 949-3648.

printed message proved that the writer had "definite knowledge of the previous killings" attributed to the .44-caliber gunman. This source said that the note mentioned certain information that had not been made public and is "only known to the killer and police."

The note was taken to the Police Department's crime lab for study and analysis by fingerprint and handwriting experts.

### Examining Guns

Several hundred .44-caliber Western revolvers registered in New York State have been checked by detectives. Nearly all the legitimate owners have been interviewed and their weapons have been examined by ballistics experts.

Detectives are canvassing all gun shops in the metropolitan area and sporting goods stores where ammunition is sold. They are trying to determine all the local outlets for the bullets that fit the killer's gun. These bullets are not available in most gun and ammo shops.

The police are have uncovered a possible link between two of the dead girls — the latest victim, Valentina Suriani, and the first victim, Donna Laurie, who was fatally wounded in the Bronx last July 29. The other two murdered girls were slain in Forest Hills, Queens.



Slain girl lived in apartment building at end of tree-lined street.

## Fear Lives There Now Killer Stuns a Neighborhood

By RICHARD MESEROLE and OWEN MORITZ

Across from the secluded murder site where Valentina Suriani and her boy friend had been fatally shot, neighbors sat on hard benches in groups of twos and threes yesterday and said this latest tragedy in Pelham Bay had changed everything.

"They're all worried about their teenage daughters now," a middle-aged woman said.

As she spoke, her eyes were fixed on the site that had come to be something of an urban lovers' lane — a quiet, tree-covered spot separated by a high fence from the traffic-filled Hutchinson River Parkway. Here at 3 a.m. Sunday, Valentina and her 20-year-old boy friend, Alexander Esau, were shot by a man police describe as a psychopathic killer.

"We can't go on living like this," said Mrs. Esther Frangione, who sat nearby. "If I open the blinds at night now, I don't see a soul walking on the street."

### Parking in Cars Forbidden

Andrew Ippolito, 19, who lived in Valentina's apartment building at 1950 Hutchinson River Parkway, said parents had passed the word in the last 24 hours: No more parking in cars.

"They tell us to meet inside," he said.

Another teenager, Bob Licata, 17, of Pilgrim Ave., pointed to a row of handsome, two-family houses on Mulford Ave., which backs onto Valentina's building. On this day of golden sunshine, not a soul was seen.

"On a day like this, you see them, people, usually sitting on stoops," he said.

The Pelham Bay Park section is an enclave, principally an Italo-American neighborhood, surrounded by the Hutchinson Parkway and Pelham Parkway.

It is considered tightly-knit, where people know one another, but Valentina, said one friend, was regarded as friendly, but remote, because she tended to hang around with friends she had made before she moved here five years ago.

"She had vey bad eyes," said Ippolito. "People thought she was stuck-up, but really she didn't see them."

The picture drawn yesterday of Valentina, 18, was that of a mature teenager who had dated the same boy for three years. They had talked at times of marriage. But friends said she was also intent on an acting career: She was studying acting at Lehman College.

"I'm really scared," said 17-year-old Cindy Elia, whose black hair was in curlers and partially covered by a kerchief. "All my friends are afraid to go out."

## Hold 2 Teens in Fatal Bronx Mugging

By CASS VANZI

The work of a detective investigating the mugging of his uncle dovetailed with a homicide investigation that ended yesterday with the arrest of two teenagers, accused of a fatal attack April 1 on a 79-year-old Bronx man. The victim, Eugene Buksz, of 2320 Creston Ave., died of a heart attack after fighting off a robbery attempt.

Detective Thomas Sullivan of the senior citizens robbery unit in the Bronx said five youths were organized into a gang to attack the elderly, in muggings that netted them 15 to \$50.

A few days after the Buksz attack, Sullivan said, a 15-year-old boy was arrested and interviewed by Detective

Irwin Sullivan of the senior citizens unit who was looking into his uncle's mugging a short time earlier. During that investigation, Thomas Sullivan said, police learned the names of the two suspects arrested yesterday and

were able to piece together a case connecting them with the Buksz case.

The suspects are a 15-year-old, whose name was withheld, and Victor Apponte, 16, of 85 W. 181st St., the Bronx.

Both were charged with homicide.

Another suspect is at Rikers Island and will be rearrested shortly. The fifth member of the gang is being sought.

Buksz died of a heart attack 15 minutes after his assailants tried to rob him in his hallway at 2320 Creston Ave.



Valentina Suriani  
Killer's latest victim