

MYSTERIOUS KILLER

NEW THREAT SLAYS ONLY ON VALENTINES?



Chilling Numbers

The city of San Jose is gripped by fear as the elusive "Valentine's Day Killer" has claimed yet another victim, continuing his macabre tradition of targeting those born on February 14th. The latest murder marks the fourth consecutive year the killer has struck, leaving investigators puzzled and the community in a state of dread.

Police discovered the body of 32-year-old Martin Delgado in his apartment on Santana Row late last night. Delgado, who had just celebrated his birthday, was found with a single red rose placed on his chest and a cryptic number—"756826"—scrawled in crimson on the wall behind him. Authorities have yet to decipher its meaning but suspect it holds a vital clue to the killer's identity or motive.

A Pattern of Hatred

"This individual follows a chilling pattern," said Detective Lillian Graves, lead investigator on the case. "Every year, on February 14th, someone with a Valentine's Day birthday meets the same gruesome fate. We are dealing with someone methodical, patient, and completely devoid of mercy."

A disturbing detail in each murder is the presence of a smashed cascarn (a hollowed-out egg filled with confetti) left near the victims. Traditionally used in celebrations, the cascarn's symbolic joy has been twisted into a sinister signature. Detectives are considering its cultural implications, though no clear link has been established.

The killer's choice of victims suggests an obsession with Valentine's Day, though experts remain divided on the psychological underpinnings. Criminal profiler Dr. Henry Wilkes suggests the murderer may have suffered trauma related to the holiday. "The emphasis on birthdays and love gone awry hints at deep-seated resentment," he said. "This killer isn't just taking lives; they're making a statement."

Amidst a Regal Day

The city's regal Valentine's Day festivities, once a highlight of the year, have now become a time of paranoia. Many residents with February 14th birthdays have taken extra precautions, some even leaving town altogether. Yet, despite heightened security measures and ongoing investigations, the killer remains at large.

Authorities urge anyone with information—no matter how minor—to come forward. Until then, those born on Valentine's Day are left to wonder: will they be the next to receive the killer's twisted birthday gift?

