

## 'Zodiac' Suspect Arrested

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LAS VEGAS — A man matching the description of the Zodiac killer is being held here while San Francisco police study fingerprint and handwriting samples.

The suspect, Gary Ronald Schilling, 27, of Inglewood, was arrested on a firearms charge Tuesday night, and officers noticed that his description is similar to that of the killer.

Martin Lee, chief San Francisco inspector, said he is awaiting fingerprint and handwriting samples before deciding if he will send a detective to Las Vegas to interview Schilling.

"We are treating it with respect," he added, "but this is just one of scores of similar arrests that have failed to pan out."

Schilling was sleeping in his car, a 1960 white Cadillac, behind the Aladdin Hotel on the city's gambling strip when sheriff's deputies arrested him. They found a .22 Beretta automatic, an Italian gun, in the vehicle, plus a .380 automatic of undetermined foreign make.

Deputies said one of the guns matches the make of a weapon used by Zodiac, the mystic murderer of five persons in the Bay Area since last Dec. 20.

They also said Schilling is five feet seven inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, wears glasses, and has reddish tinted hair. The description is similar to that supplied by witnesses and survivors of attacks by Zodiac.

The person who calls himself Zodiac has mailed cryptic messages to newspapers and police bragging of his killings, and twice telephoned officers to tell of slayings. Partial fingerprints and handwriting samples have proved he is the same man.

Las Vegas officers said Schilling admitted being in the Bay Area recently.

They said that he was cooperative and furnished them with a voice sample. The samples are expected to arrive in San Francisco this afternoon.

The suspect told officers that he had had a quarrel with his brother, left home in a huff, and was forced to sleep in his car.

A charge of having unregistered firearms in his possession was to be filed here.