

Bay Killer's Shrinking Timetable

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The bragging, psychotic killer who wants to be known as "Zodiac" appears to follow a compulsive timetable of his own and the periodic, murderous outbursts are drawing closer together.

This ominous pattern emerged yesterday as police, working on the assumption that one man is responsible for five Bay Area killings, chased down scores of leads.

Investigators also noted that the murder of San Francisco cab driver Paul Stine occurred on a weekend — as have all the other killings that "Zodiac" claims.

The dates of the murders are December 20 (1968) in the Vallejo area (two victims), July 5 in the Vallejo area, September 27 at Lake Berryessa near Napa and October 11 in San Francisco.

Almost seven months elapsed between the first and second murders; not quite three between the second and third attacks; two weeks between the third and the killing of Stine in San Francisco.

Captain Marty Lee, chief of inspectors, said: "It doesn't make us any happier that they are getting closer together."

The killing of Stine in his

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