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Zodiac Caller Tries to Kill Teacher With Arsenic

A mysterious caller who claimed to be the Zodiac killer of five Bay Area persons attempted to murder a 24 year old schoolteacher by arsenic poisoning, Martinez police revealed today.

Adding that they do not believe the actual Zodiac killer is involved, police stressed nevertheless that they were dealing with a serious situation.

The teacher, Daniel Williams, of 1234 Bush St., Martinez, said he had been receiving threatening calls since Oct. 23 from a man who identified himself as "The Zodiac."

At that time, news reports were filled with develop-

ments concerning the psychotic killer whose latest victim was a San Francisco cab driver.

Sobbed on Phone

Sometimes, Williams said, the man sobbed over the telephone, complaining of headaches. Sometimes, he said he "had to kill," and once related going to a Martinez school to commit murder but turning away when he saw police on the grounds.

Repeatedly, the teacher added, the caller said he was going to kill "the lady of the house." The last call, early Sunday afternoon, announced that Williams was "a dead duck."

The teacher said he left

home about an hour later, and returned at 9 p.m. to discover that someone had pried the screen from his back door. Police checked, but found nothing missing.

Metallic Taste

Later in the evening, Williams continued, he took a drink from a partially empty bottle of soft drink that was in the refrigerator.

It had an unusual metallic taste, he said, and he spat it out.

Police laboratory analysis, it was announced today, disclosed that the bottle contained enough arsenic to kill anyone who consumed the drink.