

Arsenic Case Call Fizzles

MARTINEZ — A new harassment twist took place Wednesday morning in the case of the Martinez man who recently found a soft drink bottle loaded up with arsenic in his refrigerator.

At 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, a man called the Police Department dispatcher and stated that "There's going to be a shooting at 1234 Bush St." The man then hung up.

The address is that of Daniel B. Williams, the Richmond recreation supervisor who reported many threatening phone calls, starting Oct. 23, by someone who implied that he was the Zodiac killer.

There were prowlings about the Williams residence and a break-in followed by the finding of the arsenic in a bottle of 7-Up. Since then Williams has had no calls, but has reported that the prowlings continue.

Williams, after being informed of the early Wednesday call, said he would spend the night elsewhere.

Officers kept a close surveillance on his house most of the rest of the night, but nothing unusual occurred.

The dispatcher said that the mysterious caller sounded like an older man.