

Suspect Said Not Zodiac

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Homicide investigators said today a man being held in Las Vegas as a possible suspect in the Zodiac murders “doesn’t look like anything that we’re interested in at all.”

Inspector Dave Toschi, one of the team assigned to the Zodiac case, said Gary Ronald Schilling, 27, Los Angeles, was “one of about 5,000 suspects who resembled our composite (picture) of Zodiac that we’ve checked.”

“We can’t positively rule him out until we receive his fingerprints,” the inspector said. “But it’s just a routine check. Somebody jumped the gun on this and it’s gotten completely out of hand.”

Schilling was arrested on the Las Vegas strip Tuesday night for possession of unregistered firearms. He was later booked on a hold for murder as a possible suspect in the five Bay Area killings of recent months.

Toschi said Schilling had been questioned at length about the Zodiac killings by Las Vegas detectives and didn’t seem to be a likely suspect.

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