

SENDS BLOOD-STAINED PROOF

Zodiac Kills 5th Victim, Again Taunts Police

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A psychotic killer who calls himself "the Zodiac" and taunts police with calls and letters has slain his fifth victim, San Francisco police said Wednesday.

The murder last Saturday night of a San Francisco cabdriver was revealed Tuesday as the work of a man who has already murdered four persons — and critically wounded two — in the Napa-Vallejo area since last December.

The link was revealed by the murderer himself.

Until Tuesday, the shooting of Paul Stine, 29, in the Presidio Heights area, looked like a routine robbery and murder except for one bizarre detail — a small piece of Stine's blood-soaked shirt was torn out.

The missing swatch of gray-and-white-striped fabric arrived with Tuesday's mail at the San Francisco Chronicle. With it was a letter, indicating the killer watched with sardonic amusement as police searched the area.

The killer then went on to warn of his next move in his grisly campaign of terror:

"School children make nice targets. I think I shall wipe out a school bus some morning. Just shoot out the front tires and then pick off the kiddies as they come bouncing out."

The killer's madness became

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'ZODIAC' SPEAKS AGAIN — Part of a letter received by a San Francisco newspaper from killer who claimed his fifth victim.

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apparent last August, after the Chronicle, the San Francisco Examiner and the Vallejo News-Chronicle received portions of a complicated cryptogram which, when translated, claimed that killing people "is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal. To kill something gives me the most thrilling experience . . ."

Two days later, the Examiner received a letter which began, "This is

the Zodiac speaking . . ." It went on to describe in graphic detail the shootings of two young couples last Dec. 20 and July 5 in Vallejo.

Of the four persons shot, only one youth survived.

The latest message to the Chronicle read:

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