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R.O. was contacted by a confidential informant in regard to possible new developments in the Darlene Ferrin 187 occurring 7-4-69 at the Blue Rock Springs Park, this is VPD File #243 146. Upon reviewing information submitted there seems to be sufficient cause to initiate an investigation to ascertain the validity of this information. Information consists of the following points which are only brief inquiries into the background of the alleged suspect. This information is viewed as circumstantial at best, but sufficient to require follow-up investigation.

Point #1. There is in existence two composites of the alleged Zodiac Killer, one from San Francisco; one from Berryessa; and a brief description from the surviving victim in the Vallejo 187. This alleged subject (suspect) tentatively matches the description given in all cases. A photograph submitted from a driver's license taken in 1969 of the suspect has a good resemblance to the composites from other jurisdictions.

Point #2. Research into the suspect's military background indicates that he did receive seven (7) months of training in military code work and then was an instructor in cryptograph.

Point #3. He apparently knew the family of the victim's as a mysterious caller. Placed three separate calls within 1½ hours after Darlene Ferrin's death to each of the family members. These calls were made before media announcement of the murder and made certain references indicating the caller knew Darlene.

Point #4. The suspect spent many hours at the restaurant where Darlene worked as a waitress. This has been verified by a VPD Officer, Officer Baldino who has picked the subject's picture out of a lineup indicating he has

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been seen in there conversing with the deceased.

Point #5. An incident had occurred in Vacaville in regard to threatening letters received and phone calls made. This suspect has been identified as an individual seen in a parked car in the area where the young woman lived. His vehicle matched exactly the description of the car seen parked in the area of this young woman's apartment in Vacaville and tentatively his photograph has been identified as the man sitting in that vehicle. In regard to the same case he was accurately described by witnesses who indicated the same young woman in the Vacaville Incident had apparently gone to a mountain area to visit a relative some 200 miles north. The suspect matched the description of the individual who followed her to that area.

Point #6. It appears that during known Zodiac activities the suspect was unemployed. It has been correlated that during suspect's periods of employment there were no Zodiac incidents reported. Suspect is a member of alcoholic anonymous and has had a problem with alcohol for a number of years. He's been involved with alcoholics anonymous ever since 1962. This, in turn gives him an unusual amount of freedom from his family responsibilities, especially at night.

Point #7. There are several clues in the letters that appear to have application to the suspect. One of which refers to a post card received by the San Francisco Chronicle on 3-26-71 indicating "Aure of the Sierra Club and peek through the pines. It has been established that suspect lives in a very thick group of pine trees in a remote area, and you can only see the residence by looking down or peeking through the pines down the roadway. Further, there was another remark made by the Zodiac that "I was swamped out by rain we had awhile back." In going to the area suspect lives in, it

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 is noted time period, meaning month of the year, this area is subject to
 heavy flooding, and photographs have been obtained of the area in the general
 vicinity of subject's house while it was flooded.

Point #8. The suspect did, in fact, own a vehicle that approximates
 the suspect car on the Vallejo Homicide. That being a white 1961 Chevrolet.

Point #9. A young woman by the name of Karen [REDACTED] was a babysitter
 for the deceased Darlene Ferrin during the months of January through May of
 1969. She reports an incident where an older white male matching the general
 physical description of the Zodiac and the alleged suspect was watching the
 residence of Darlene. Upon questioning Darlene in regard to this, Darlene
 indicated she had seen this subject do something [REDACTED] and indicated it was
 murder. At that time she allegedly said the name.

Point #10. Another point seems to be involved in homosexual activities
 as is documented by a report of the Solano Sheriff's Office received as to
 suspect hanging around the rest stop area on Hunters Hill engaging in homo-
 sexual activities. He was questioned by Sergeant Lundblad in regard to these
 activities, and another incident was brought up on regarding his behaving
 in a hostile manner towards a CHP officer. A documentation is also available
 on this.

Reporting Officer, upon reviewing these points of interest, elected
 to initiate an investigation.

On 6-10-77, contact was made with one Karen [REDACTED], WFA, 25 years,
 336 [REDACTED], phone [REDACTED] Reporting Officer requested an interview
 with Miss [REDACTED] in regard to the above mentioned incident with Darlene Ferrin.
 She complied.

At VPD Miss [REDACTED] related that she was seventeen years old and baby-

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sitting for Dean and Darlene Ferrin. Again, reiterated the months were from January through May of 1969. Stated she quit in May to overcome some guilt that she was feeling about covering up for Darlene's running around with other men while she was married to Dean. One of the men mentioned was the surviving victim in the Vallejo homicide Michael Mageau.

Karen relates one incident that allegedly occurred while she was babysitting in approximately February or March 1969 at 560 Wallace. She stated she was babysitting approximately 10:00 p.m. one night, was looking out the front window of the Ferrin's apartment, and she noticed a man whom she took to be middleaged sitting in a white American-made sedan watching the apartment. She stated he was there for several hours but left before Dean returned from work shortly after midnight. She stated she could not really describe this individual and only knew he was middleaged because he either turned on the inside car light or lit a cigarette so that she got a partial look at the man. She did not note the license number and was only certain of the approximate age - middleaged, and the fact that the sedan was white. The following day she related this incident to Darleen Ferrin who at the time recalled was in the bathroom putting on her makeup to go out. Darlene asked her what the car and the man looked like, and after relating a description to her, Dee said something to the effect, "I guess he's checking up on me again. I heard he was back from out of state." Followed by, "He doesn't want anyone to know what I (meaning Darlene) saw him do. I saw him murder someone." Karen stated that Dee sometime during this conversation mentioned the man's name, and that the first name was very short, three or four letters and that the second name was just slightly longer. The name was quite common. Karen stated that Dee appeared to be genuinely frightened of this individual.

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 and mentioned sometime that he had been checking up on her at Terry's Restaurant where Darlene was employed.

At the conclusion of her statement, Reporting Officer discussed with Karen the possibility of her recalling exactly what the name might have been, and a better description of the individual if she were to undergo hypnosis. Stated that she never had any experience with this, but that she would be willing to submit to anything that may assist in the investigation. At this time Reporting Officer advised Karen that arrangements would be made for a session with a hypnotist to see if we could produce more information, and that Reporting Office woald be in contact.

On 6-15-77, Reporting Officer contacted Lieutenant Larry Haynes, Concord Police Department, phone 415-671-3030, in regards to the hypnotic sessi Lieutenant Haynes has been trained in this by the Law Enforcement Hypnotic Institute in Los Angeles Police Department and has had much experience in this area. When asked as to the feasibility of such an examination with an 8-year time span, Lieutenant Haynes replied much success has been had regard less of the number of years that has passed. Advised Lieutenant Haynes that the interview primarily would focus on Karen's ability to recall a name told to her by the Zodiac victim Darlene Ferrin and possibly focus on a painting party that occurred at Darlene Ferrin's residence where possibly the alleged subject was in attendance. Lieutenant Haynes agreed to assist. An appointment was made for 6-16-77 at 1300 hours. Reporting Officer then re-contact Karen [REDACTED], advised her of the appointment set for 1300 hours. She agreed to meet Reporting Officer at the Vallejo Police Department.

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Reporting Officer and Karen [REDACTED] met with Lieutenant Larry Haynes at

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