

Police Guard School Buses In Zodiac Scare

Fear persists that the San Francisco Bay area killer known as the "Zodiac" might in truth be attracted to Modesto by the sorrowful challenge of a victim's brother.

As a result, the Modesto police assigned police cars to fol-

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low school buses on their rounds, beginning this morning, although the police are dubious the challenge of Joe Stine would be taken up by "Zodiac."

A number of telephone calls have been received by the Modesto police following publication yesterday of Joe Stine's "offer" to be the killer's next victim. Stine reasoned that if

the killer came to Modesto to make an attempt on his life, he might be captured and thus put an end to the series of killings which now includes five persons.

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The telephone also rang in the service station where Stine works.

Already the drivers of school buses had been given advice on what they should do if their tires suddenly should go flat.

Last Friday, after the killer had threatened in the bay area to shoot children leaving a school bus, G. Dale Kiern, assistant transportation superintendent of the Modesto school system, advised a group of 35 drivers that in such an event

they should "get the children down and bring it on in."

Lt. Orville House of the Modesto Police Department, attempted to allay fears this afternoon. He said he does not believe the "challenge" by Joe Stine will draw his brother's killer to Modesto.

Joe Stine's brother, Paul, 29, was slain Oct. 11 while driving a taxicab in San Francisco. Paul worked nights, while attending college in the daytime, and was due to get his doctor of philosophy at San Francisco State College in January.

Telephone calls to the police and to the service station where

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