



The Zodiac Killer

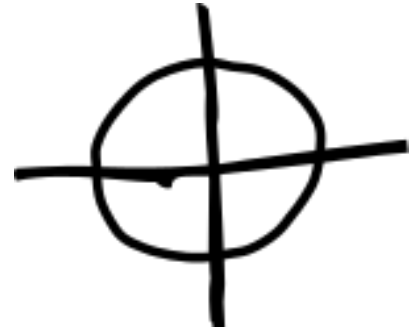
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Who was the Zodiac Killer?

The Zodiac Killer was a serial killer who operated in Northern California and San Francisco Bay areas in the late 1960's and early 70's. The Zodiac killer was confirmed to have killed 5 people with 2 surviving , but claimed to have killed as many as 37. Taunted law enforcement with letters containing hidden clues, threats, and coded ciphers, many of which are still unsolved.

The killer was never caught, and the case remains open to this day.



Timeline

December 20, 1968, on Lake Herman Road, within the city limits of Benicia David Arthur Faraday, 17, and Betty Lou Jensen, 16 were shot and killed



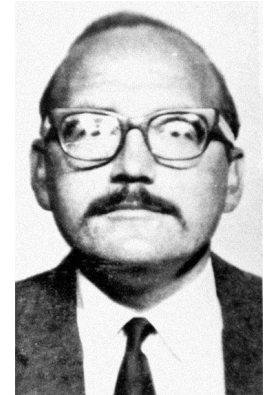
September 27, 1969, at Lake Berryessa in Napa County Bryan Calvin Hartnell, 20, and Cecelia Ann Shepard, 22 were stabbed Bryan survived while Cecelia died due to her injuries



July 4, 1969, in the parking lot of Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo Michael Mageau, 19, and Darlene Elizabeth Ferrin, 22: were shot and left to bleed out Michael survived while Darlene did not.



October 11, 1969, in the Presidio Heights neighborhood in San Francisco Paul Lee Stine, 29: shot and killed



First Letter to San Francisco Chronicle

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4th July

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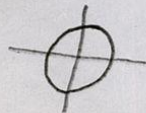
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Cipher

I LIKE KILLING PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN IT IS MORE FUN THAN KILLING WILD GAME IN THE FORREST BECAUSE MAN IS THE MOST DANGEROUS ANIMAL OF ALL TO KILL SOMETHING GIVES ME THE MOST THRILLING EXPERENCE IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN GETTING YOUR ROCKS OFF WITH A GIRL THE BEST PART OF IT IS THAT WHEN I DIE I WILL BE REBORN IN PARADICE AND ALL I HAVE KILLED WILL BECOME MY SLAVES I WILL NOT GIVE YOU MY NAME BECAUSE YOU WILL TRY TO SLOW DOWN OR ATOP MY COLLECTION OF SLAVES FOR MY AFTERLIFE. EBEORIETEMETHHPITI

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Letter sent to San Francisco Examiner

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Highway

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Paul Stein Confession letter

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



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Suspects

Ted Kaczynski



- The "Unabomber"
- Constructed explosives
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- Lived in the Bay Area during the late 60's
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- Communicated with media networks after crimes



Arthur Leigh Allen

- At Lake Berryessa the day of the murder to fish
- Came home from the lake with bloody knife
- Fascinated in the thought of hunting people
- Once told his friend he would like to kill couples
- Said he would tie a flashlight to a gun so he could shoot at night
- Had a zodiac watch gifted to him by his mother in 1969
- Zodiac watch had the same symbol as the zodiac killer
- Allen would sometimes refer to himself as the zodiac and would sign some letters with the zodiac sign from his watch

Richard Gaikowski

- Worked at newspaper where Zodiac letters were received
- Decoded ciphers contained references to places he worked, such as a movie theatre
- Committed to an asylum for violent tendencies, coincidentally, the letters stopped while he was imprisoned

