

Black Dahlia Avenger/Zodiac M.O. and Crime Signature Comparisons

<u>M.O.</u>	<u>Avenger</u>	<u>Zodiac</u>
Serial Killer	X	X
Created his own marketing/public relations campaign along with inventing and providing newspapers with a “pseudonym” for them to use in headlining his crimes and his “reign of terror.” (“Black Dahlia Avenger” and “Zodiac.”)	X	X
Contacted and taunted <u>press by telephone</u> after crimes.	X	X
Contacted and taunted <u>police by telephone</u> after crimes.	X	X
Used press as his instrument to terrorize public promising, “There will be more”	X	X
Drew crude picture of knife dripping blood and mailed the drawing to press	X	X
Brought <u>pre-cut lengths of clothesline</u> and used them to bind and tie his victims during crimes.	X	X
Mailed more than a dozen notes and sent to police and press feigning illiteracy, using misspelled words and disguised his handwriting.	X	X
Mailed “ <u>Cut-and-Paste</u> ” notes to press and police.	X	X
Mailed <u>typewritten</u> letter describing his actions to police	X	X
Placed <u>excessive postage and multiple stamps</u> on the taunting notes he mailed to press/police	X	X
Addressed press mailings, “To the Editor”	X	X
Mailings sent on particular “anniversary dates” related to crimes.	X	X
Packaged and mailed personal items belonging to his murdered victims to the press to prove he was the killer.	X	X
Told victims and press he was “Going to Mexico.”	X	X
Used both a knife and a gun(s) in his separate crimes.	X	X
Included puns and word games in his mailings.	X	X
Killer continued to send in mailings to press and police months and years after original crimes.	X	X
Egomaniacal personality demanded constant media publicity and front-page coverage under threat of additional killings.	X	X
Identified himself as an “Avenger” claiming he was wronged by the female victim or claimed he was getting revenge for being spurned and ignored by victim. Informs public that the crime was “justified” or was “Divine Retribution.”	X	X
Several victims stabbed with a long-bladed jungle or bayonet-style knife.	X	X
Wrote taunting message at scene either on bedroom wall, a nearby telephone post, a door panel of victim’s vehicle, or on victim’s body.	X	X

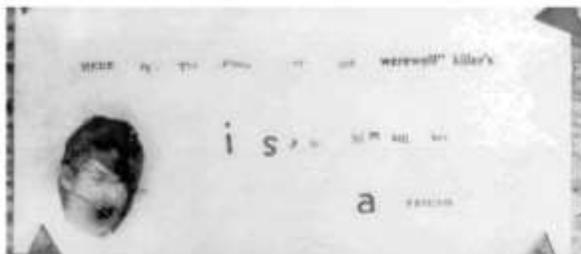
Manually rips away band from a man's wristwatch and left both band and watch at separate crime scenes, on or near the victim's body.	X	X
Left man's white handkerchief either at scene near body, or used it to wipe away his fingerprints from inside victim's vehicle or from knife left at crime scene.	X	X
Geographically preselected crime-scene location by plotting coordinates on a map; then randomly murdered victim(s) who by happenstance entered his "killing zone," or	X	X
Geographically preselected crime-scene location by plotting coordinates on a map, then had unwitting victim(taxi-driver) drive him to that specific location, where victim is then shot and killed, or,	X	X
Forcibly kidnaped female victim strangles her to death and dismembers body with surgical skill and precision. Then poses body parts in public view at a specific location (street name) that provided taunting clue related to the crime or suspect.	X	X
Brutal assault and overkill, particularly savage with his female victims.	X	X
Telephoned and or sent sadistic note to victim's parents after brutal murder of their daughter.	X	X

One new discovery (our thirtieth here listed) that is *specific* to both Avenger and Zodiac MO's which has gone unrecognized by me until only recently, is the fact that both used the same unique signatory in one of their mailed taunts to the press—signing it, "***a friend.***" (Note that both Avenger and Zodiac signed it using a small letter –"a".)

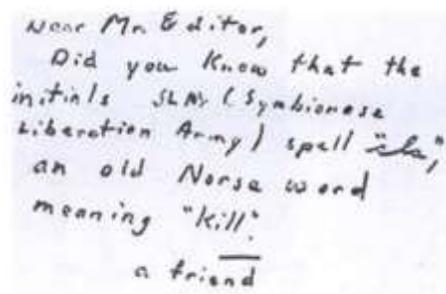
Mailed to the newspaper editor by "Black Dahlia Avenger" in 1947 signing it "a friend." (Small letter "a")

Mailed to the newspaper editor by "Zodiac" in 1974, signing it "a friend." (Small letter "a")

Black Dahlia Avenger 1947



Zodiac February 14, 1974



SKH Note- Zodiac's "a Friend" SLA Note was mailed by the suspect to the press on February 14, 1974 which was the 26th anniversary date of the Black Dahlia Avenger's murder of his Los Angeles victim, Gladys Kern, slain by him on February 14, 1948.

These thirty *M.O. Signatures* committed in both Dr. George Hill Hodel's crimes as the "Black Dahlia Avenger" and in Zodiac's crimes are so unique, so distinctive that it defies all logic that they would have been committed by two separate suspects.

Perhaps, a detective, noting the use of three or four of these identical signatures might consider the possibility of a "copycat scenario" —*but never thirty.*

As we begin to review the new evidence, it is important that we recognize that we are not simply rounding up and reviewing "one of the usual suspects."

Rather, we are starting off with a man that can only be described as "a prime Zodiac suspect." (Based on the previous evidence presented in *Most Evil*, coupled with these identical signatures, I would have to say, "*the prime suspect.*")

Dr. George Hill Hodel, like Zodiac, was an urban terrorist and a killing machine who taunted both the press and the police with repeated mailings and threats to "kill more." Their "profiles" as signature acts are identical down to the minutest details.

I agree with Michael Connelly's LAPD Detective III Harry Bosch, when it comes to murder investigations, "There are no coincidences."

I submit these two serial killers were the same man.