

APPENDIX A — PRESS SOURCE DOCUMENT

Behavioral Linkage Analysis

32 Shared Crime Signatures Connecting the Black Dahlia and Zodiac Murders

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Source Note

An initial set of eighteen shared crime signatures linking the Black Dahlia and Zodiac murders was first identified and published in *Most Evil* (2009), Chapter 19, pp. 222–223. Subsequent investigation and expanded documentation resulted in the identification of thirty-two shared crime signatures, first fully presented in *Most Evil II* (2015), Chapter 1, pp. 18–22.

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OFFENDER DURATION & IDENTITY

1. Serial offender operating over extended decades
2. Self-created pseudonym promoted through the press
3. Egomaniacal demand for media attention
4. Claims killings were justified or retributive

PRESS & LAW-ENFORCEMENT MANIPULATION

5. Use of the press as an instrument of terror and self-promotion
6. Telephone taunts to the press after murders
7. Telephone taunts to police after murders
8. Handwritten taunting letters mailed to newspapers
9. Handwritten taunting letters mailed to law enforcement
10. Letters addressed "To the Editor"
11. Continued correspondence months and years after crimes

COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES & AUTHENTICATION

12. Deliberate misspellings and disguised handwriting
13. Cut-and-paste text used in mailed communications
14. Typewritten communications sent to police
15. Excessive and unusual postage / multiple stamps
16. Mailings sent on crime-related anniversary dates
17. Victim-related proof mailed to authenticate responsibility
18. Drawings or symbolic graphics included in correspondence
19. Wordplay, puns, and games

WEAPONRY & CONTROL

20. Use of both firearms and bladed weapons
21. Use of long-bladed or military-style knife
22. Pre-cut binding materials brought to crime scenes

CRIME-SCENE TAUNTING & STAGING

23. Taunting messages written at or near crime scenes

24. Removal and staging of men's wristwatch components

25. Use or placement of a white men's handkerchief

GEOGRAPHY & VICTIM CONTROL

26. Geographic pre-selection of kill sites

27. Victims directed or lured to pre-selected locations

28. Forcible abduction

VIOLENCE & ESCALATION

29. Manual strangulation in selected crimes

30. Extreme overkill, particularly against female victims

POST-CRIME PSYCHOLOGICAL CONTACT

31. Direct contact or communication with victims' family members

UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

32. Identical rare sign-off: "a friend" (lower-case "a"), appearing in both Black Dahlia Avenger and Zodiac correspondence on related anniversary timelines

Conclusion

Thirty-two shared and highly specific crime signatures establish behavioral identity, not coincidence or copycat behavior. This analysis reflects continuity of offender behavior across decades.