

'Night Stalker' Investigation Linked to Dog-Mauling Case

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State investigators now think a key figure from San Francisco's deadly dogmauling case may be the "original night stalker" responsible for as many as ten murders.

The state of California has obtained a court order to forcibly take a DNA sample from Paul "Cornfed" Schneider. He's the adopted son of Marjorie Knoller and Robert Noel -- the San Francisco couple convicted in the recent dog-mauling trial. Knoller and Noel were reportedly taking care of the dogs for Schneider.

Investigators think that a DNA sample could link Schneider to crime scenes and victims in Orange, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. Police believe the "original night stalker" broke into homes in the 1970s and early 1980s, killing ten people. Those crimes took place before the killings attributed to "Night Stalker" Richard Ramirez.

Schneider is currently serving a life sentence for robbery and attempted murder. He's also facing 13 more counts alleging murder and conspiracy.