

Satanwatch by Jeffrey Steinberg

The Cotton Club case

Satanic Murder, Inc., will go on trial for a bizarre 1983 murder in California.

On July 12, 1989, Los Angeles County Municipal Court Judge Patti Jo McKay ordered Karen DeLayne Greenberger, Alex LaMota Marti, and William Malony Mentzer to stand trial for the murder of Broadway impresario, cocaine addict, and Satanic sex deviate Roy Radin. By the time the case, widely known as the "Cotton Club murder," goes to trial next year, it is expected that at least one other person, Robert Lowe, will have been added to the indictment. Evidence is still being reviewed to determine whether Robert Evans, one of Hollywood's most famous producers and a longtime intimate of Henry Kissinger, will also be prosecuted for ordering and financing the hit.

The Cotton Club case promises to shed new light on a nationwide Satanic Murder, Inc. with deep ties to the Medellín Cartel and to international pornography. And if the allegations in a forthcoming edition of Maury Terry's *The Ultimate Evil* prove accurate, defendant William Mentzer may provide a direct link between the Radin ritualistic murder and the mid-1970s Son of Sam killings and the Manson Family's 1969 mass murder spree.

In the first edition of his book-length profile of the convicted Son of Sam killer David Berkowitz, Terry described a nationwide Satanic underground involved in human sacrifices and drug-related contract killings. Terry tracked a Los Angeles-based killer dubbed "Manson II," who came out of the circles around Charles Manson and who carried out one of the New York City 1977 Son of Sam murders, as well as a 1974 ritualistic killing on the campus of Stanford Univer-

sity in Palo Alto, Calif.

Evidence gathered in the Cotton Club prosecution suggests that the "Manson II" of Terry's account is William Mentzer. Further, if the Terry allegations pan out, the Satanic Murder, Inc. was at one point linked to a London-founded occult sect called the Process Church of the Final Judgment (also referred to in Los Angeles police files as the Process of Elimination).

At the time Radin was shot in the head 13 times on Friday, May 13, 1983 at a deserted site in northern Los Angeles County, Mentzer, Marti, and Lowe were all full-time bodyguards for *Hustler* magazine porn publisher Larry Flynt. Evidence presented at the two-month evidentiary hearing also linked Mentzer and Marti to the 1984 contract killing of a black Los Angeles prostitute, June Mincher. And in a dramatic courtroom development, private detective Arthur Michael Pascal testified that a Mentzer intimate, William Rider, boasted that Rider and his brother-in-law Larry Flynt had murdered U.S. intelligence operative Mitchell Livingston WerBell III in December 1983. At the time of WerBell's death, the ex-OSS figure was involved in a national security investigation of Flynt regarding possible blackmail of President Reagan and members of his inner circle. Rider, the former head of Flynt's security, was living with Mentzer at the time of the Radin, WerBell, and Mincher murders.

According to testimony presented at the hearing, police first stumbled onto Mentzer's role in the Radin hit as the result of an August 1983 cocaine

bust of Mentzer and a search of his apartment which turned up photographs of Mentzer and the other accused killers at the site of Radin's murder. Although sheriffs missed it at the time Radin's body was found in June 1983, private investigators, including author Maury Terry, found a Bible at the murder scene opened to a passage signaling the Satanic nature of the crime.

Paramount Pictures mogul Evans's suspected involvement in the Radin killings comes through his dealings with a big-time cocaine trafficker named Karen DeLayne Greenberger, whom Evans was soliciting, according to one account, to put up millions of dollars to finance the 1984 movie, "The Cotton Club." According to police accounts, Greenberger, whose husband Jack Greenberger is a top figure Medellín Cartel in southern Florida, was a Hollywood dope distributor for Milano Bellachasses, now under indictment in Florida. Greenberger brought the Long Island-based Radin into the deal, which eventually went sour. According to one story, Greenberger, and possibly Evans, had Radin killed in order to erase the movie-financing deal and to avenge Radin's theft of a large amount of cocaine and cash from Greenberger.

The picture, however, may be far more complex. According to accounts by David Berkowitz, the Westchester County, New York Son of Sam cult, a Satanic killer group of at least a dozen people, was directly involved with Radin—through cocaine deals and occult sexual activities (Radin's 77-room mansion was the scene of a violent gang rape of model Melanie Haller in the early 1980s). At the time of Radin's murder, Queens, New York District Attorney John Santucci had just reopened the Son of Sam case on the basis of evidence proving that Berkowitz was not the lone killer.