



Who Was Lee Allen?

The Zodiac Killer Identified

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Arthur Leigh Allen went by "Lee Allen" -- not Leigh. This matters because the ciphers encode **LEE ALLEN** (8 letters), not LEIGH ALLEN (11 letters). The distinction between these two spellings is not trivial. It is the difference between the checksum working and the checksum failing. It is the difference between the ciphers pointing to one man and the ciphers pointing to nobody.

Arthur Leigh Allen, who went by "Lee Allen" and lived at 32 Fresno Street, Vallejo, California, was the Zodiac Killer.

"I GO BY LEE"

Police documentation consistently records Allen's preferred name. Inspector Dave Toschi's interview notes from the August 4, 1971 interview at Allen's workplace note the name he used day-to-day. Ralph Spinelli, who knew Allen personally, referred to him as "Lee." Official records carry the designation **"AKA LEE ALLEN"** -- a formal acknowledgment that this was the name he used.

Connie Seawater, who knew Allen for 32 years, testified directly:

"When I saw him write it, he spelled it L-E-E."

"He told me that LEIGH was spelled like a girl would."

This was not a legal name change. It was a personal preference -- the kind of thing only people close to Allen would know.

KEY FACTS

DETAIL	INFORMATION
Full Legal Name	Arthur Leigh Allen
Preferred Name	Lee Allen
Born	1933
Navy Service	1957-1958 (cryptography training on submarines)
Residence	32 Fresno Street, Vallejo, California
Owned	Zodiac-brand watch
Police Status	Only suspect named by police for 54+ years
Officially Cleared	Never. By any agency.

THE DARLENE FERRIN CONNECTION

Darlene Ferrin, murdered on July 4, 1969 at Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo, had a stalker she knew only as "Lee." Allen lived at 32 Fresno Street -- approximately 0.1 miles from Ferrin's address. The geographic proximity between Allen's home and Ferrin's location places him directly in the center of the Zodiac's operating territory.

THE DON CHENEY QUESTION: WHY THE FRAMING THEORY FAILS

Some have suggested Don Cheney framed Allen. The checksum system demolishes this theory.

The ciphers encode **LEE** ALLEN -- not **LEIGH** ALLEN. LEE was Allen's personal nickname, not his legal name. To frame Allen using this encoding, Cheney would have needed to:

1. Know that Allen personally preferred "Lee" over "Leigh"

2. Know the exact 8-letter spelling LEE ALLEN
3. Somehow embed a checksum system across four independent ciphers he did not write

The name LEIGH ALLEN produces a completely different checksum. Only LEE ALLEN produces checksum 6. You would need to know Allen's personal preferred spelling to construct this system. A framer working from public records would use "Leigh" -- and the math would not work.

Don Cheney passed a polygraph examination in 1991, administered by the Washington State Patrol (File Number: PIO-91-0-0254, dated April 24, 1991). Three detectives independently concurred: Cheney was telling the truth.

THE DAVID SEAWATER DEATHBED CONFESSION (1992)

In 1992, Arthur Leigh Allen confessed to David Seawater -- Connie Seawater's brother -- that he was the Zodiac Killer. This was a deathbed confession. Allen died on August 26, 1992.

The name SEAWATER itself carries a mathematical signature:

$$S(18) + E(4) + A(0) + W(22) + A(0) + T(19) + E(4) + R(17) = 84$$

$$84 \text{ mod } 26 = 6$$

SEAWATER checksum = 6. The same checksum as LEE ALLEN, as the Z408 misspellings, as the Z340 misspellings, as the Z13 cipher total.

THE CIPHER CONNECTION

The mathematical fingerprint that ties Allen to the Zodiac ciphers is checksum 6.

LEE ALLEN:

$$L(11) + E(4) + E(4) + A(0) + L(11) + L(11) + E(4) + N(13) = 58$$

$$58 \text{ mod } 26 = 6$$

This checksum matches all four independent sources:

SOURCE	CHECKSUM
Z408 Misspellings (C + A + E)	6
Z340 Misspellings (S + S + S + E)	6
Z13 Cipher Total	6
LEE ALLEN	6

The probability of four independent sources producing the same checksum by coincidence: **1 in 456,976.**

MIKE MAGEAU'S IDENTIFICATION (1992)

Mike Mageau, the surviving victim from the Blue Rock Springs attack on July 4, 1969, identified Arthur Leigh Allen from a photo lineup in 1992 -- 23 years after the attack. This is a direct victim identification of the suspect.

THE INCARCERATION TIMELINE

Allen's movements correlate perfectly with the Zodiac's activity:

PERIOD	ALLEN'S STATUS	ZODIAC ACTIVITY
1968-1974	Free	Active -- murders, ciphers, letters
1974	Arrested for child molestation	Last confirmed Zodiac letter
January 1975	Committed to Atascadero State Hospital	Silence begins
1975-1977	Incarcerated at Atascadero	No Zodiac communications
August 31, 1977	Released from Atascadero	
April 1978	Free (8 months post-release)	"I am back with you" letter arrives

When Allen was free, the Zodiac was active. When Allen was imprisoned, the Zodiac went silent. When Allen was released, the Zodiac returned.

READ THE COMPLETE PROOF

This analysis is part of a comprehensive mathematical proof. For the full evidence chain -- including all four ciphers, the checksum 6 system, and the complete case:

[The Zodiac Solved: Complete Mathematical Proof](#)

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