Herb Baumeister "The I-70 Strangler"



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Date	Age	Life Event
4/7/47		Born to Dr. Herbert E. and Elizabeth Baumeister in Indiana.
1948	1	Sister Barbara born.
1954	7	Brother Brad born.
1956	9	Brother Richard born.
1961	14	Started attending high school at North Central High. Was active in biology, geology, government, international relations, and chess clubs.
	Adolescence	Friend remembers that Herb used to "ponder what it would be like to taste human urine".
	Adolescence	Found a dead crow in the road, put it in his pocket and placed on teachers desk when she wasn't looking.
	Adolescence	Father secretly took him to take psychological tests; limited records show diagnosed with schizophrenia with possibly more than one personality. No further documentation.
	High School	Not part of the "in-crowd", usually alone, never dated.
1965	18	Graduated high school and was accepted into Indiana University. Met Juliana here. They were drawn to each other due to their strong conservative views.
1967	20	Dropped out of college after freshman year. Worked at the <i>Indianapolis Star</i> as copy boy.
11/1971	24	Married Juliana Saitor in United Methodist Church in Indiana.
1972	24-25	Spent two months in psychiatric hospital (6 months after being married).
1974-1985	26-38	Worked at Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Odd behavior evident during this time. Sent Christmas cards with him and another man dressed in drag. Earned title of Program Director. Urinated on a letter addressed to the governor and was terminated.
1979	32	First child, Marie, born.
1981	34	Second child, Erich, born.
1984	37	Third child, Emily, born.
1985	38	Body of Eric Roetiger (WM, 17) found in Indiana.

09/03/1985	38	While drinking and driving he committed a hit and run.	
02/27/1096	20	Warrant filed for his arrest. Charged with auto theft (Class	
03/27/1986	39	A misdemeanor) and conspiracy to commit theft (Class D).	
1986	40	Beat the conspiracy charge after one day bench trial.	
1986	40	Herb's father died.	
1988	41-42	Borrowed \$4,000 from mother and opened a SAV-A-LOT thrift store.	
08/12/1989	42	Body of Steven Elliot (WM, 26) found	
1000	43-44	After making \$50,000 in his first year of owning SAV-A-	
1990	43-44	LOT, he opened his second store.	
08/11/1990	43	Body of Clay Boatman (WM, 32) found	
11/91	44	Moved to Westfield district.	
5/93	46	Michael Riley (WM, 22) disappears.	
05/28/1993	46	Johnny L. Bayer (WM, 20) reported missing.	
7/93	46	Jeffery Jones (WM, 31) is reported missing.	
7/93	46	Richard Hamilton (WM, 20) is reported missing.	
08/06/1993	46	Alan Livingstone (WM, 27) reported missing.	
4/94	47	Stephen Hale (WM, 26) reported missing.	
06/06/1994	47	Alan Broussard (WM, 28) last seen leaving gay bar.	
07/22/1994	47	Roger Alan Goodlet (WM, 34) disappears.	
		SAV-A-LOT business began to plunge. Problems in	
1004	47.40	marriage between Herb and Juliana. Herb started treating	
1994	47-48	his employees like they were below him. Reports of him	
		leaving the store and returning with alcohol on his breath.	
1001	1= 10	Arrested for drinking and driving in Rochester, Indiana.	
1994	47-48	Sentenced to 3 days in jail and 1 year probation.	
		Son Erich found a human skeleton in backyard. Herb	
1994	48	assured his family that it was the remains of a cadaver	
		from his father's medical practice.	
00/20/1005	40	Herb shows up at gay bar and Tony Harris gets his license	
08/29/1995	49	plate number. Suspicion of Herb growing.	
11/95	49	Police confront Juliana.	
11/95	49	Herb tells his lawyer he is going to kill himself.	
01/04/1996	49	Juliana files for divorce.	
6/96	50	Closed SAV-A-LOT stores. Herb described as deeply troubled.	
	50	Juliana tells attorney of bones found in backyard. Juliana	
06/23/1996		admits that they had only consummated their marriage 6	
		times in 25 years of marriage.	
06/20/1006	50	Herb became aware of his imminent arrest and drove to	
06/30/1996		Canada.	
	50	Herb left a note citing his failing marriage and business as	
07/03/1996		the reason for his suicide and shot himself in the forehead	
		with a .357 magnum.	
General Info	ormation		
Sex		Male	
Race		White	
Number of victims		Linked to 18 but assumed to be more	
Country where killing occurred		United States	
	ere killing occurred	Indiana and Ohio	
Type of ki		Sexual	
Height	-	Unknown	
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Bed wetting	No	
Killer Psychological Information		
Abused drugs?	Yes. Cocaine and marijuana.	
Abused alcohol?	Yes	
Been to a psychologist?	Hospitalized for two months.	
Time in forensic hospital?	No	
Diagnosis	Father secretly took him to psychologist as a child and had lengthy testing done. Report showed schizophrenia and	
	possibly multiple personalities. No further documentation.	
Killer Criminal History		
Committed previous crimes?	Yes. Charged with theft and conspiracy to commit theft.	
Spend time in jail?	No	
Spend time in prison?	No	
Killed prior to series? Age?	No	
Serial Killing		
Number of victims	16 identified to him expected to be more	
Victim type	Homosexual Men	
Killer age at start of series	38	
Gender of victims	Male	
Race of victims	White	
Age of victims	15, 17(2), 20(2), 21, 22(2), 26(3), 27, 28, 31(2), 34, 46	
Method of killing	Strangulation	
Type of serial killer	Organized/lust.	
How close did killer live?	Unknown	
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No	
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Weapon	No weapon.	
Behavior During Crimes		
Rape?	No. Mutual Sex.	
Tortured victims?	Strangled them.	
Stalked victims?	No	
Overkill?	Burned them after death.	
Quick & efficient?	No	
Used blindfold?	No	
Bound the victims?	Yes. With handcuffs.	
After Death Behavior		
Sex with the body?	No	
Mutilated body?	No	
Ate part of the body?	No	
Drank victim's blood?	No	
Posed the body?	No	
Took totem – body part	No	
Took totem – personal item	No	
Robbed victim or location	No	
Disposal of Body		
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes. Used bones as gravel for his yard.	
Left at scene, hidden	Yes. Put bones down a creek at his residence.	
Left at scene, buried	Yes. Buried in burn pile.	
Moved, no attempt to hide	No	
Moved, buried	No	
Cut-op and disposed of	No	

Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	Committed suicide before he could be arrested.
Date convicted	
Sentence	
Killer executed?	
Did killer plead NGRI?	
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Name and state of prison	
Killer committed suicide?	Yes
Killer killed in prison?	
Date of death	July 3, 1996

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