

## Daniel Joseph Blank

Serial killer researched by Information summarized by:

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Date	Age	Life Event
1962		Born in Paulina, Louisiana.
Childhood?		
10/17/1996	34	Murdered Victor Rossi (WM, 41), beat him to death in his home in St. Amant, Louisiana. Blank worked as Rossi's car repair shop
04/09/1997	35	Murdered Lillian Phillippe (WF, 71) of Gonzales, Louisiana. She was stabbed to death in her home. Blank previously bought car parts from the store that Phillippe's husband had started.
05/18/1997	35	Murdered Barbara Bourgeois (WF, 58), of Paulina, Louisiana. She was stabbed to death at her home, a quarter mile away from Blank's home.
05/09/1997	35	Daniel bludgeoned to death, Sam Arcuri (WM, 76) and Louella Arcuri (WF, 69) in their LaPlace, Louisiana home.
05/14/1997	35	Daniel murdered Joan Brock (WF, 55), in the back yard of her LaPlace home. She was beaten to death. Blank had worked at Brock's husband's car repair shop in Reserve.
07/07/1997	35	Attempted murder of Leonce and Joyce Millet, both 66 years old. They were beaten and shot inside their Gonzales home. They both survived.  They helped the police composite a sketch of Daniel Blank that eventually lead to his arrest.
11-14-1997	35	Daniel Blank was arrested in Onalsaka, Texas  Sherrif Jeff Wiley of Ascension Parish, La., said Blank confessed on videotape to stabbing, bludgeoning, or shooting six people to pay for his gambling habit.
November, 1997	35	Daniel Blank's girlfriend, Cynthia Bellard, was arrested days after Daniel was arrested on five different murder charges. In exchange for having those charges dropped, she agreed to testify about Blank's killing spree.
05-15-1998	35	Daniel Blank was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Joan Brock
07-23-1998	36	The prosecutors dropped two counts of first-degree murder against Daniel Blanks ex-girlfriend, Cynthia Bellard.
12-10-1998	36	Daniel Blank escaped during a pause in the hearing through a second-floor bathroom window. He was caught after a short chase.
12-30-1998	36	Daniel Blank's attorneys argued that the investigators coerced and manipulated their client into falsely confessing. The defense also motioned for a change of venue as a result of the cases popularity.
September, 1999	37	Was convicted of killing Lillian Philippe and was sentenced to death by lethal injection.
04-11-2000	38	Convicted of killing Joan Brock and was sentenced to death by lethal injection

11-13-2001	39	Daniel plead guilty to two counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of Sam and Louella Arcuri. He was sentenced to two irrevocable life sentences.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	Suspected of 6, Confessed to 6, Convicted of 2
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Louisiana
Type of killer	Gain Killer
Height	

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	1962
Location	Paulina, Rural St. James Parish in LA
Birth order	One of eight children
Number of siblings	8
XYY?	
Raised by	
Birth category	
Parent's marital status	
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	
Physical defect?	
Speech defect?	
Head injury?	Struck by a vehicle while riding a bike at the age of 12. Diagnosed with a mild brain dysfunction.
Physically abused?	
Psychologically abused?	
Sexually abused?	
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	

### Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Highest degree	No degree
Grades in school	Reads at a third grade level
IQ	85

### Work History

Served in the military?	
Branch	

Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	
Worked in law enforcement?	
Fired from jobs?	Fired from being a mechanic at Brock's car repair shop, the husband of one of the women he murdered.
Types of jobs worked	Mechanic
Employment status during series	On and off Mechanic
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	Four
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Girlfriend
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	Neuropsychologist hired to evaluate mental capacity of Daniel Blank.
Time in forensic hospital?	
Diagnosis	Has a learning disability that hampers his verbal abilities and understanding of abstract concepts. Also diagnosed as having schizo-affective paranoia disorder
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	
Spend time in jail?	
Spend time in prison?	
Killed prior to series? Age?	
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	6
Victim type	Adults, home invasion
Killer age at start of series	35
Gender of victims	2 men and 4 women
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	41, 55, 58, 69, 71, 76
Method of killing	Bludgeoned or stabbed to death
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer found at scene- trophy, bat, knife, hammer
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	Stalked them from outside home, to make sure they were

	not at home.
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
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	Yes, sole purpose of breaking into their houses in the first place.
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	November 14, 1997
Date convicted	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 1997
Sentence	Death by Lethal Injection
Killer executed?	
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, but it was discussed as an option
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Name and state of prison	Louisiana
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	

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