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Date	Age	Life Event	
January 31, 1939	0	Born in Webster, South Dakota. He was the second son of Henry and Eileen and brother to Larry. Jerry was an accidental birth and his parents preferred a daughter over a second son, despite the fact that they lived on a farm.	
1944	5	At this time Jerry was living in Portland, Oregon and his family was financially stable. Jerry became fascinated with women's high-heeled shoes. He found a pair of open-toed high-heeled shoes in a junkyard while wandering and playing alone, and wore them home. His mother scolded him repeatedly for wearing the shoes and eventually burned them.	
1945-46	6-7	Family moves to Riverton, California and Jerry enters the first grade. His teacher wears high-heeled shoes and keeps two pairs in the classroom. Jerry hides the second pair of shoes from the teacher so that he can take them home. A classmate intercedes and Jerry confesses to his attempted theft. His teacher gets angry and Jerry becomes embarrassed and leaves the room.	
1946-47	7-8	Jerry fails second grade. He is diagnosed with the measles, sore throats, swollen glands and laryngitis during this time. He had to get several operations on his extremities to fight against fungal infections. He also complained of frequent headaches that often left him unable to see clearly. School officials thought that eyeglasses might solve these problems, and also alleviate the problems he was	

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		having in school. However, the optometrist did not find a significant need for
		glasses. A thin prescription was given to Jerry with the thought that they might
		function similar to a drug placebo. His headaches persisted, and eventual his IQ was
		tested which came out to be within the normal range.
1947-1951	8-12	Jerry's family moves twice more during this time to Grants Pass, Oregon and then to Wallace Pond, Oregon. At Grants Pass Jerry's neighbors had several teenage girls and Jerry began to sneak into the house with the girl's brother and play with girls' clothes. At this time Jerry's shoe fetish expands to women's undergarments. At Wallace Pond Jerry's father enters back into the agricultural industry.
1952	13	His brother Larry was now 16 and had a normal fascination with the nude female body. Larry drew several pictures of nude females and kept them hidden in the fear that his disapproving mother would find them and become angry. Jerry eventually found the box the drawings were hidden inside and picked the lock. He was caught in the process and took the blame instead of telling on Larry.
		Jerry begins to go through puberty. His mother again shows her disgust for anything
1955	16	sexual in nature, even forcing Jerry to wash his stained sheets by hand. Jerry begins to have bizarre fantasies. He fantasized that he would capture a girl force her to obey his commands and beg for mercy. His family moves again to Corvallis Oregon were Larry is studying electronics at Oregon State University. Jerry continues his habit of stealing women's shoes and undergarments, and uses them to enhance the pleasure of masturbation.
		Jerry steals the undergarments of an 18-year-old girl. Jerry decides he wants to get a
Late summer 1955	16	nude photograph of the girl instead of relying on the undergarments for his sexual pleasure. He set up an elaborate plot to get the girl to pose for the nude photo. Jerry asked the girl to come to his house under the guise that he could help her get back her undergarments. When the girl arrived she was accosted by a masked man with a knife that forced her to remove her clothes and took several photos. The man left and the girl got dressed and fled. Before she could get away she ran into Jerry who said he saw the intruder and was locked in the barn. The girl left and informed the police of what had happened.
1956		Jerry lured a 17-year-old girl to his car. Jerry drove her to a deserted farmhouse where he beat her profusely. A couple stopped on the scene of the crime and notified the police. Jerry claimed that he had stopped to help the girl himself and was not the attacker. The couple did not believe Jerry, and eventually the Oregon
		state police obtained a confession. In Jerry's house and car they found woman's undergarments, photos, photo equipment, and Jerry was arrested for assault and battery.
1956	17	Jerry was committed to Oregon State Hospital for evaluation and treatment
04/16/1956		Initial diagnosis of "adjustment reaction of adolescence with sexual deviation and fetishism".
1956		While hospitalized Jerry was allowed to attend high school during the day at North Salem High School in Dallas Oregon. Jerry is diagnosed as "borderline schizophrenic", a diagnosis that was often given at this time. Jerry remained hospitalized for 8-9 months and was eventually discharged and deemed not to be a danger to society.
1957	18	Jerry was released from Oregon State Hospital and went back to high school in Corvallis. He graduated high school with a low GPA in the lower 30% of his graduating class.
Fall 1957- 1959	18-20	Jerry tried his hand at college and advanced technology schools including Oregon State university and Salem Technical Vocational School. His attendance was erratic
		and he eventual gave up on school.
03/09/1959	20	Joined the U.S. Army. Jerry was stationed at Fort Ord, California and did his basic training in Fort Gordon, Georgia. He was granted the rank of E-2.
1959	20	Jerry began to have dreams that a Korean girl who would seduce him.
10/15/1959	20	Jerry decided to go see the army chaplain who referred him to the army psychiatrist,

		Captain Theodore J. Barry. Barry discharged Jerry Brudos from the army because
		of his "bizarre obsessions"
		After being discharged from the armed forces Jerry moved back to Corvallis with
		his parents, but was forced to live in their shed. One night after running an errand,
Late fall	21	he became excited by a young girl who was walking and followed her home. He
1960	21	strangled her until she was unconscious and then stole her shoes. He slept with the
		shoes in an attempt to feel more powerful.
1960	21	Jerry obtained his FCC license and began working at the Corvallis radio station
1700	21	While working at the radio station, Jerry meets his future wife, Darcie Metzler, who
		was 17 at this time. The two began going out and Darcie's parents did not approve
January	22	of this relationship. Arguably as an act of rebellion, Darcie gave Jerry a kind of
1962		attention that he had not experienced before and the two were married within a few
		months time.
10.00	22	Their daughter Megan is born. And the couple moves all up and down the west coast
1962	23	mostly because Jerry is not able to maintain employment.
1065	26	Jerry manages to get a job as a technician at a West Salem electronics firm. He
1965	26	leaves the job after a while and the family continues moving around.
		The family settles in Portland where Jerry obtains a job as an electrician. Darcie got
1967	28	pregnant again, and Jerry was very excited to have a son. However, Darcie would
1907	20	not allow Jerry to be present during the birth of their son Jason. Jerry is deeply
		saddened by this and regresses back to shoe and undergarment theft.
		Shortly after his rejection in the birthing room Jerry claims he stalked a woman in
1967	28	Portland. He waited for her to fall asleep at home. He broke into the house and
1707	20	attempted to steal the woman's shoes. She woke up and Jerry choked her until she
		went limp, raped her, stole her shoes, and fled the scene.
1967	28	Jerry was electrocuted at work. The 480 volt shock left him dazed, and with minor
		damages but he was never hospitalized
		1 <sup>st</sup> Murder- <i>Linda Slawson (WF, 22)</i> - she was selling encyclopedias door to door and
01/06/10/00	•	Jerry convinced her to come down to his workshop (lower garage), hit her with a
01/26/1968	28	two by four, and then strangled her to death. Before disposing of the body Jerry
		removed her clothes and put several undergarments from his collection on the
1968	28	corpse. He cut off her left foot and kept it in the freezer in a high-heeled shoe.Jerry faked a flat tire and dumped the body over a bridge.
July 1968	28	Stephanie Vikko is reported missing in Portland.
July 1908	20	Jan Susan Whitney a 23-year-old college student at the University of Oregon goes
11/26/1968	29	missing.
		Karen Sprinkler a 19-year-old college student goes missing. Two young girls
		inform police that a large man dressed in drag was on the parking garage roof where
		Karen's abandoned car was found on the day Karen went missing.
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		Jerry encounters Sharon Wood in a parking garage at Portland State University.
04/21/1969	20	Jerry encounters Sharon Wood in a parking garage at Portland State University. Sharon attempted to fend off Jerry's attack by biting his thumb until it bleed. Jerry
04/21/1969	30	

04/22/1969	30	Jerry encounters 14-year-old Liane Brumley. He attempted to abduct her in his car but she escaped.
April 23- 24, 1969	30	Linda Dawn Salee (WF, 19) is reported missing. Her car is found abandoned at a parking garage and police begin to realize they could be dealing with a serial killer. Jerry posed as a police officer and killed her by asphyxiation.
May 10- 12, 1969	30	A local fisherman discovers Linda Salee's body in the Long Tom River. Her body his been weighed down by an auto transmission. Two days later Karen Sprinkler's body is found a mere fifty feet away. Karen was tied to an old engine which caused her to remain submerged. Jerry had cut out her breasts as souvenirs and filled the holes with brown paper towels. He had also place a bra from his collection of undergarments over her mangled chest.
May 1969	30	Jerry begins to phone dorm rooms at Oregon State University. He is somehow able to arrange several blind dates through this method. At this point police are unto the killer's pattern and are staking out all areas where young attractive women are present. A female student that claimed to have gone on one of the blind dates gives the police a description of Jerome Brudos.
May 25- 26, 1969	30	Jerry attempts to contact the same girl a second time. The girl informed police and Jerry was questioned at the girl's residence hall. Jerry cooperated and his information came back legitimate so he was not arrested. Subsequently, the police examined Brudos' record and decided to go to his home for some follow up questions. At the house they saw several suspicious items in the garage and began building a case.
May 28- 30, 1969	30	Police have enough evidence to obtain an arrest warrant for Brudos. Brudos attempted to flee from the police who were attempting to serve him with a warrant for the attempted abduction of Liane Brumley the young girl who had escaped less than a month earlier. Once Jerry is captured the police begin the interrogation process.
06/01/1969	30	Jerry attempts to convince his wife to burn clothing and other evidence from jail. Darcie does not comply this time.

June 2-3, 1969	30	confessions to the m	vall obtains evidential confessions from Jerry first followed by nurders of the two recently discovered bodies as well as the
1909			wson and Jan Whitney.
06/04/1969	30	Brudos is arraigned for the murder of Karen Sprinker. Brudos pleas NGRI.	
06/04/1969	30	Jerry is tested by several psychiatrists. He shows above average IQ and cognition and is deemed NOT criminally insane. He is diagnosed as "antisocial personality, manifested by fetishism, transvestitism, exhibitionism, voyeurism & especially sadism."	
06/27/1969	30	As the evidence mounted, Brudos was eventually charged with three counts of first degree murder for the murders of Jan Whitney, Linda Salee, and Karen Sprinker. Brudos decides to revoke his plea of NGRI and plead guilty. That same day he is sentenced to 3 consecutive life sentences (no death penalty in Oregon). He was not charged with the murder of Linda Slawson as her body was not found.	
07/17/1969	30	12 woman went mis investigation was or missing women. A	ssing in Brudos's area during the time he was free, so an agoing to attempt to uncover the whereabouts of the other neighbor implicated Darcie Brudos in one of the murders helped Jerry carry a body from the garage.
08/07/1969	30	Darcie is arraigned, charged with aiding and abetting in the first degree murder of Karen Sprinker.	
09/25/1969	30	Darcie testifies and	claims that she had no involvement.
10/02/1969	30	Darcie found not gu	ilty.
August 1970	31		y. Wisely, she also moved, changed her name, and eventually er forbidding her children from visiting or writing their father.
June 27, 1969- January 1971	30-32	Jerry has a lot of trouble in prison. He is hit in the head with a bucket of water and frequently beaten by fellow inmates. On January 1, 1970 he is treated for rectal bleeding that was classified as being caused by hemorrhoids or "other".	
1969-May 25,1977	30-38	Jerry and his lawyer appeal is rejected or	rs have several failures in the appellate courts until their last n May 25, 1977.
1999	60		parole. Parole is not granted and the parole board makes it clear lies that Jerry will not be set free.
03/28/2006	67	Brudos dies of natur	ral causes in prison.
General Inf	ormatio	1	
Sex			Male
Race			White
Number of	of victims	3	Convicted of 3, confessed to four, 12 women went missing in his era
Country v	where kil	ling occurred	United States
		g occurred	Oregon
Childhood I			
Date of b	irth		January, 31, 1969
Location	11 UI		Webster, South Dakota
Birth order			2nd of 2
Number of siblings			1 Brother (Larry)
XYY?			Not diagnosed according to our sources
Raised by			Both parents
Birth category			Youngest
Birth cate		atus	Married
	Family event		
Parent's r			Mother favored his brother and showed extreme disgust for anything sexual
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	eccentric behaviors.
Physically attractive?	No, at least not according to his available photographic record,
	but he did manage to convince several women to trust him.
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	He was electrocuted at the age of 21 and complained
	throughout his life of intense migraine headaches that often left
	him unable to see and sometimes caused a complete loss of
	consciousness
Physically abused?	Not mentioned
Psychologically abused?	Yes, mother often ridiculed him for his behaviors although her
	scolding was arguably justifiable in some instances. It is
	claimed by Brudos and some of the psychiatrists who
	evaluated him that his mothers extreme disgust for sexual
	topics caused him to develop an secretive and abnormal
Sexually abused?	development of sexual fantasies and expression of sexuality Slightly, in his years of puberty his mother shunned him for
Sexually abused?	having a natural wet dream and forced him to wash his sheets
	after his nighttime indiscretions
Father's occupation	Farmer
Age of first sexual experience	Became excited by women's shoes in a junkyard at age 5, first
8	aroused by this fetish at age 12
Age when first had intercourse	First had sex with his wife Darcie at age 20
Mother's occupation	NA
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Not confirmed specifically but it has been speculated that his
	father may have been an alcoholic during at least part of his
	childhood
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Not Mentioned
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	12 - Graduated 142 <sup>nd</sup> of 202 in his class
Highest degree	High School Diploma and FCC license
Grades in school	2.1 high school GPA but this was in the midst of a nine month
	stay at Oregon State Hospital
IQ	Average- Above average
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army
Type of discharge	Psychological - based on his "bizarre obsessions"
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No, but posed as a police officer during the murder of Linda Slawson
Fired from jobs?	Yes, on numerous occasions
Types of jobs worked	Technician, electrician
Employment status during series	Employed as an electrician
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Hetero
Marital status	Married- divorced
Number of children	2
Lives with his children	Presently in jail and children have been ordered by the court to not visit or write their father.
Living with	Cell-mate- prior to this he lived with his wife and two children
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Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	Yes on several occasions see timeline for diagnoses
Time in forensic hospital?	Yes during his teenage years see timeline for details
Diagnosis	Borderline Schizophrenic, Antisocial Personality, Fetishism,
Diughoono	Voyeurism, Exhibitionism, Transvestitism, Sadism
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	No- referred to Psych Ward
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Convicted of 3, confessed to four, 12 women went missing in
V'start and	his era
Victim type Killer age at start of series	Young attractive women
Gender of victims	28 Formula
	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	19, 19, 22, 23
Method of killing	Asphyxiation
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No typically he abducted them in parking lots
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes, his 1 <sup>st</sup> murder occurred at his home
Weapon	No weapon- or a weapon close by at the scene
Behavior During Crimes	X7 / 11 /
Rape?	Yes- typically post mortem
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	X.
Quick & efficient? Used blindfold?	Yes
	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	Vac
Sex with the body?	Yes
Mutilated body?	Yes
Ate part of the body? Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No Voc
Took totem – body part	Yes Yes- example foot and breasts
Took totem – body part Took totem – personal item	
Robbed victim or location	Yes- shoes and undergarments
Disposal of Body	Not of money but he stole their clothing
	No
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	No ?
Left at scene, buried	1

Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-op and disposed of	Yes- mutilated many and disposed of them by sinking them in bodies of water, several of the women who went missing at this time have not been found.
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	May 30, 1969
Date convicted	June 27, 1969
Sentence	3 consecutive life sentences
Killer executed?	No- no death penalty
Name and state of prison	Oregon State Penitentiary, Inmate # 33284
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	March 28, 2006

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