

Judias Buenoano
“Black Widow”



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Date	Age	Life Event
04-04-43	0	Born in Quanah, Texas
1945	2	Judias' mother dies of TB
1955	12	Judias' father remarries
1957	14	She is sent to jail for 60 days for attacking stepbrothers and stepmother
5-59	16	Graduates from Foothills High a juvenile detention center
3-30-61	18	First son Michael Shultz is born (later changed to Michael Goodyear)
1-21-62	19	Judias marries James Goodyear
1-16-66	23	James Goodyear is born
1967	24	Kimberly is born to James and Judias
9-15-71	28	James Goodyear , her husband, dies (arsenic poisoning)(Judias receives life insurance)
1973	30	Met Bobby Joe Morris
1977	34	Moves in with Bobby Morris to Trinidad, CL
7-77	34	Burns a home and collects insurance policy
1-23-78	35	Death of Bobby (by arsenic poison) (Judias gains life insurance)
5-13-80	37	Michael Goodyear her first born dies in boating incident (Judias drowns him because previous attempt to poison him failed. She also collects multiple life insurance policies)
2-1981	38	Meets John Gentry
8-1981	38	Judias and John move in together
6-25-83	40	John Gentry's car explodes at the Driftwood restaurant and he survives
7-27-83	40	Judias is arrested on the charge of attempted murder of John Gentry and further investigations begin
1-10-84	41	Judias receives an indictment for murder and grand theft concerning Michael Goodyear and is arrested and sent to jail
3-22-84	41	A trial begins for the murder of Michael Goodyear
3-31-84	41	A jury returns a verdict of guilty of the first degree murder of her son Michael Goodyear and grand theft for the collection of insurance policies

6-6-84	41	Judias receives her sentence for murder of Michael, life without parole
10-16-84	41	Judias' trial for attempted murder of John Gentry begins
10-18-84	41	A jury finds Judias guilty of attempted first degree murder concerning John Gentry
10-22-85	42	Trial for murder of her first husband James Goodyear begins
11-1-85	42	Jury finds her guilty of first degree murder of James Goodyear
11-26-85	42	A judge sentences Judias to electrocution for murder of James
1986-90	46-50	Appeals are filed and initial verdicts and sentencing upheld
3-30-98	55	Judias was executed in electric chair in Florida State Prison

General Information

Sex:	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	3 killed 1 attempted
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Florida
Type of killer	Organized Gain Killer
Height	5'7"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	April 4, 1943
Location	Quanah, Texas
Birth order	3 rd of 4
Number of siblings	3
XYY?	Unknown
Raised by	Father and grandparents.
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Married, mother dies father remarries
Family event	Mother died at age 2
Age of family event	2
Problems in school?	Unknown
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	Hit, starved, burned with cigarettes, had to do slave work in home
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	Unknown
Father's occupation	Farmer
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	Indian
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No

Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	graduated at 16 from reformatory school
Grades in school	Unknown
IQ	Unknown

Work History

Served in the military?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No

Types of jobs worked	Childcare center, nurses aid, LPN , psychologist
Employment status during series	Employed as one of the above
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married, then single
Number of children	3
Lives with her children	Yes
Living with	Self and children and usually the victim
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	Yes; own home
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Suspected alcohol use
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	None
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, previously attacked step siblings
Spend time in jail?	Yes, 60 days
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	4
Victim type	Significant others and child
Killer age at start of series	28
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	35-37- with exception of son who was 19
Method of killing	Poison except son who drowned when poisoning didn't work
Type of serial killer	Organized (Gain Killer)
How close did killer live?	Lived with them
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Weapon	No weapon
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
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	No

Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July 27,1983
Date convicted	March 30,1980 for Michael October 18,1984 for James November 1,1985 for John
Sentence	Life without parole and execution
Killer executed?	Yes by electrocution
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Name and state of prison	Broward County Women's Detention Center, Florida
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	March 30, 1998 by execution
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