Angelo Buono, Jr.
With Kenneth Bianchi, known as the "Hillside Stranglers"



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Date	Age	Life Event
October 5, 1934	0	Angelo Buono is born in Rochester, New York.
1939	5	After his parents divorce, Angelo moves to Glendale, California with his mother Jenny, and his sister Cecilia.
1948	14	Angelo boasts to his friends about sodomizing and raping girls. He idolizes Caryl Chessman, a notorious rapist known as the "red light bandit". He considers Chessman to be his hero even though he thinks that Chessman should have killed his victims, instead of just sexually assaulting them. He begins calling his mother demeaning names like "whore" and "cunt".
1950	16	Angelo drops out of school and is arrested several times for larceny. He is sent to reform school but escapes.
1951	17	Angelo is recaptured by the California Youth Authority
1955	21	Angelo impregnates Geraldine Vinal, a 17 year-old girl from his high school. He marries Geraldine only to leave her less than a week later.
January 10, 1956		Michael Lee Buono, Angelo's first child, is born. He divorces Geraldine and refuses to pay child support. He also refuses to let Michael call him "father."
Late 1956	22	Angelo's second son, Angelo Anthony Buono III, is born. The child's mother is Angelo's current girlfriend, Mary Catherine Castillo.
April 5, 1957		Angelo marries Mary Castillo.
1957		Mary gives birth to their second child Peter (Angelo's third child).
1958	24	Mary gives birth to their third child Danny (Angelo's fourth child).
1960	26	Mary gives birth to their fourth son Louis (Angelo's fifth child).

1962	28	Mary gives birth to their fifth child, and first daughter, Grace (Angelo's sixth child).
		Angelo is jailed for five days
		Angelo is jailed again, this time for petty theft.
		Angelo is believed to have raped his two year-old daughter, Grace.
1964	30	(Not enough supporting information was found to elaborate on this event)
		Mary files for divorce because of Angelo's perverse sexual desires and his
		violence. He shows no concern of the fact that his children had witnessed all
		of the abuse he inflicted on their mother.
		Mary tries to reconcile with Angelo. He handcuffs her and threatens to kill her
May 1964	29	after shoving a gun into her stomach. She does not try reconciling with Angelo
		again.
		Angelo moves in with Nanette Campina, a 25 year-old single mother of two
1965	31	children. He treats Nanette the same way he had treated Mary. Nanette doesn't
		leave him for fear that he will kill her if she does.
		Angelo is arrested for stealing cars and sentenced to one year in prison.
		However, because of his large family, the sentence is suspended so that he may
1067	22	work.
1967	33	(There are conflicting dates as to when this arrest actually occurred. Some
		sources report it as being 1967 while others report it as 1968)
		Nanette gives birth to her and Angelo's first child together (Angelo's 7 th child),
		Tony.
1969	35	
1707	33	Nanette gives birth to their second child together (Angelo's 8 th child), Sam.
		Angelo begins to abuse Nanette's 14 year-old daughter and claims that "she
1071	27	needs breaking in." Angelo brags to his friends about raping the girl and
1971	37	claims that he then turned her over to his sons for their pleasure.
		Nanette decides to risk everything to get away from Angelo. She takes the
		children and leaves the state.
1972	38	Angelo marries Deborah Taylor. The two never live together, and never bother
		to get a divorce.
	38-41	Angelo's roommate witnesses him masturbating as he watches school children
		with binoculars from their apartment window. Angelo admits to his roommate
1972-1975		that he had forced his sons to rape his daughter and that he had sodomized one
		of his sons.
		(There are conflicting dates as to when Angelo's confession to his roommate
		actually occurred. Therefore a precise date is not available).
	41	Angelo moves into his own place and opens up an upholstering shop in the
		back.
		He frequently forces women to perform oral sex on him and often has sex with
		his sons' girlfriends.
1975		He has the reputation for being a "stud" and refers to himself as "The Italian
		Stallion." Many young girls are attracted to Angelo and he begins dating a
		teenager and gets her pregnant twice. The girl aborts the first child and suffers a
		miscarriage during the second pregnancy. She stays loyal to Angelo, but he is
		promiscuous and keeps several other girlfriends at the same time.
		Angelo's adoptive cousin, Kenneth Bianchi, moves to L.A. to love with him.
September 1977	42	Angelo and Kenneth discuss the idea of getting young girls to work for them as
		prostitutes. It is Angelo's idea as a way for them to get money (as they are
		short on cash). They purchase a list of names of men who frequent prostitutes
		from Deborah Noble. Unbeknownst to Angelo and Kenneth, Deborah delivers
		a "trick list" and deceives them.
October 1977	43	Deborah Noble and her friend Yolanda Washington deliver the list of men to
		Angelo. Yolanda is 19 years-old, a part-time waitress and a prostitute.
		Yolanda tells Angelo that she usually works a particular stretch on Sunset
		Boulevard.
		Angelo and Kenneth soon find out that the list is a fake and seek out to get
		revenge for the money they paid.
	1	Angelo and Kenneth begin their rampage. They seek out Yolanda Washington,
October 17, 1977		rape and strangle her in the back seat of Kenneth's car.

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October 18, 1977		Washington's boy is found near Universal City in a cemetery. She still has the fabric around her neck that was used to strangle her.
October 31, 1977		Victim Two-Judith Miller, a 15 years-old runaway and prostitute.
November 1, 1977		Miller's body is found with ligature marks on her ankles, wrists, and neck. She has also been raped.
November 5, 1977		Victim Three-Elissa Kastin, a 21 years-old waitress.
November 6, 1977		Kastin's nude body is found on a highway embankment. She is found with ligature marks similar to those found on Judith Miller. She has also been raped and sodomized.
November 9, 1977		Victim Four-Jane King, a 28 year-old aspiring actress.
November 13, 1977		Victims Five and Six- Sonja Johnson age 14 and Dolly Cepeda age 12.
November 20, 1977		A nine year-old boy finds the bodies of Sonja Johnson and Dolly Cepeda in Highland Park. They too are found nude with ligature marks and had been raped.
	-	Victim Seven- Kristina Weckler, a 20 year-old college student. She is found the same day with ligature marks on the inner arm and on her neck.
		Jane King's body is found near Los Feliz off-ramp on the Golden State Freeway. She has been sodomized and strangled.
November 23, 1977		(sources on the condition of King's body coincide. Some say she had been raped, while others report that the body was so badly deteriorated that rape could not be definitively determined)
November 28, 1977		Victim Eight-Lauren Wagner, an 18 year-old student.
November 29, 1977		Lauren Wagner's body is found nude, strangled, and with electrical burns on her palms. She also has ligature marks on her body and had been raped.
December 13, 1977		Victim Nine - Kimberly Martin, an 18 year-old call girl who went by the name of Donna*. Her body is found the same day in a vacant lot on a hillside. *(some sources report Martin's name as Kimberly Diane Martin, while others say she went by "Donna")
January 1978		Angelo's mother dies.
February 17, 1978		Victim Ten-Cindy Hudspeth, a 20 year-old college student. Her body is found in the trunk of her car which had been pushed over a cliff. She is also found nude, raped, and with ligature marks on her body. This is the last murder that Angelo and Kenneth participate in together, and Angelo's final murder before being arrested and ultimately sent to prison.
October 22, 1979	45	Angelo Buono is arrested after Kenneth Bianchi tells police of his and Angelo's involvement in the murders.
July 6, 1981		At the preliminary hearing Kenneth Bianchi testifies in court that he does not know if he was telling the truth or not when he told police of Angelo's involvement in the murders. Due to this unexpected testimony by Bianchi, Roger Kelly, Buono's attorney, moves to dismiss all 10 counts of murder against Angelo and to drop prosecution against him as a Hillside Strangler.
July 21, 1981	46	Judge Ronald M. George, who had been appointed to hear the Buono case, denies Kelly's motion to dismiss the charges against Angelo explaining that a dismissal would not be "in the furtherance of justice."
1981		The District Attorney's office withdraws from Angelo's case and Attorney General George Deukmejian brings in two new attorneys for the prosecution, Michael Nash and Michael Boren. A special investigator, Paul Tulleners, is assigned to assist the new prosecutors in evaluating the evidence. After deciding that the evidence against Angelo is sufficient enough to prosecute him it is decided that George Deukmejian will prosecute the case in court.
November 1981		Angelo's case finally goes to trial, but is disrupted by continuances which the defense appeals all the way to the California Supreme Court.
1982	47	Jury selection in the trial begins which lasts for three and a half months
Spring 1982		Angelo's trial finally begins and eventually becomes the longest trial in United States at the time.
1982 – 1983	47-49	Angelo's trial continues for over a year. Some of the witnesses in the trial include some of the girls that Angelo had abused and tormented, Becky Spears and Sabra Hannan. Judge George and members of the jury were taken to the actual hillsides where

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		the victims were found and were given a presentation by the key detective at each site. The prosecution finally produces a key witness, a young girl whom Angelo had a run-in with the night he and Kenneth killed Kimberly Martin. The girl testifies that Angelo had harassed and terrorized her in the Hollywood Library. She was able to testify that Angelo had used a payphone in the library to call Kimberly Martin and lure her to him and Kenneth. These payphone calls had been part of the clues in Kimberly Martin's death, but detectives could never prove who had made the calls.
		The defense efforts of Angelo's trial are short due to his non-cooperation with his attorneys.
October 21, 1983		The jury in Angelo's trial begins deliberations.
October 31, 1983		The jury comes to the agreement that Angelo is guilty in the murder of Lauren Wagner.
November 3, 1983		The jury finds Anglo not guilty in the murder of Yolanda Washington.
November 1983	49	The jury finds Angelo guilty of the murder of Judy Miller, Dolores Cepeda, Sonja Johnson, Kimberly Martin, Kristina Weckler, Lisa Kastin, Jane King and Cindy Hudspeth. After this decision Angelo is considered a "multiple-murderer" under California law, and will face either life in prison or capital punishment.
1983		Angelo takes the stand after jury deliberations end and claims "My morals and constitutional rights has been broken." After the jury deliberates for an hour, they recommend life in prison without the possibility of parole for Angelo and spare him of the death penalty. The judge upholds the sentence. Angelo is initially sent to Folsom Prison. Here he refuses to come out of his cell for fear of injury by other inmates.
1983-1986	49-62	Angelo is transferred from Folsom Prison to Calipatria State Prison in California. (exact date unknown)
1986	62	Angelo marries Christine Kizuka while in prison. She is a supervisor at the Los Angeles office of the state employment development department and a mother to three children. She had met Angelo in prison when she came to visit her husband whose cell was next to Angelo's. Kizuka had divorced her husband in 1983 and continued to visit Angelo in prison. Prison officials agreed to never allow conjugal visits between Angelo and Christine due to the nature of Angelo's crimes and his history of violence against women.
September 21, 2002	67	Angelo Buono dies at Calipatria State Prison from a heart condition. He is alone in his cell at the time of his death and officials rule out the possibility of any foul play.
General Information		
Sex		Male
Race		White
Number of victims		10
Country where killing oc	curred	United States
States where killing occu		California
Childhood Information		
Date of birth		October 5, 1934
Location		New York State
Location Birth order		1st of? (some sources report that Angelo had 2 sisters, while others say he had only one)
Number of siblings		1 or 2 (see comment above)
XYY?		Unknown
Raised by		Mother – Jenny
Birth category		Unknown (some sources report Angelo as being the oldest while others say his sister was 4 years older than him)

Parent's marital status	Divorced
Family event	Parents divorce, and moves from New York to California with his mother and
•	sister
Age of family event	5
Problems in school?	Yes –disruptive, demonstrates perverse sexual obsessions from a young age
Teased while in school?	Unknown
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	Unknown
Physically abused?	Unknown
Psychologically abused?	Unknown
Sexually abused?	Unknown, although his early interest in odd forms of sexual thrills may indicate some type of sexual abuse as a child.
Father's occupation	Unknown, very little is known about Angelo's father
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	Unknown
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Cognitive Ability	·
Highest grade in school	9 th , dropped out of school in 10 th grade
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Highest degree Grades in school	None
	Poor
IQ	Unknown
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	N/A
Type of discharge	N/A
Saw combat duty	N/A
Killed enemy during service?	N/A
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No la
Types of jobs worked	Specialty trades (ex. – reupholstering)
Employment status during series	Angelo had been running his own re-upholstering shop in Los Angeles
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married a total of 4 times (including once while in prison); unmarried at time
	of murders
Number of children	8
Lives with his children	Does not live with children after he divorces their mothers
Living with	Kenneth Bianchi at the time of the murders
Triad	
Animal torture	Unknown
Fire setting	Unknown
Bed wetting	Unknown
Killer Psychological Information	Cautona
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	Unknown
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Sexual sadism, pedophile, anti-social personality disorder
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes

Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing 10-17-77 thru 2-16-78	·
Number of victims	10
Victim type	Vulnerable young women (prostitutes, low-income, students, low scale models
, round type	and actresses)
Killer age at start of series	43
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White, African-American
Age of victims	12 - 28
Method of killing	Strangulation, rape, various types of torture
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	No weapons, as most of the murders were ruled as death by strangulation. However, various items were used to tie and bound the victims.
Behavior During Crimes	However, various helis were used to the and bound the victims.
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes, as the murders progressed the detectives investigating saw the Hillside
	Stranglers experimenting more and more with methods of torture.
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No, torture was evident
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes, ligature marks on the victims hands and feet were the "calling card" of the Hillside Stranglers.
After Death Behavior	Timside budigiers.
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Yes
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes – once murdered, the bodies were moved to remote locations near hillsides
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, to home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	October 22, 1979
Date convicted	November 18, 1983
Sentence	Life in prison
Killer executed?	No
Name and state of prison	Calipatria State Prison - California
•	No
Killer committed suicide?	
Killer committed suicide? Killer killed in prison?	No

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