

David Copeland  
*“Nail Bomber”*



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Date	Age	Life Event
5/15/1976	0	Born in Isleworth, London
1988	12	Experiencing sadistic dreams (told after arrest in 2000)
1992	16	Left school and turned to drugs and alcohol
5/1997	21	Joined the British National Party
	21	Moved to London to work on the Jubilee line extension as an engineer assistant
	21	Photographed standing next to BNP founder John Tyndal
1998	22	Joined National Socialist Movement
	22	Prescribed anti-depressants
	22	Moved back to New Hampshire and became the NSM regional unit leader
4/17/1999	22	1 <sup>st</sup> attack at Brixton, England – left a bomb on Electric Ave. which injured 50 people
4/24/1999	22	2 <sup>nd</sup> attack on Hamburg St. – injured 13 people
4/29/1999	22	Picture released to press causing to plan 3 <sup>rd</sup> attack
4/30/1999	22	3 <sup>rd</sup> attack at Admiral Duncan Pub (center of London’s gay village) - killed 4 and injured approximately 60
5/1/1999	22	Arrested in the early morning hours at his home in Hampshire
6/2000	23	Convicted of murder and sentenced to 6 life sentences
<b>General Information</b>		
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Number of victims	4 killed and 129 injured	

Country where killing occurred	England
States where killing occurred	London
Type of killer	Mass killer
Height	Short, leading to nickname Mr. Angry
<b>Childhood Information</b>	
Date of birth	5/15/1976
Location	Isleworth, London
Birth order	First
Number of siblings	None
XYY?	
Raised by	Father
Birth category	Only child
Parent's marital status	Married, still together
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Yes, low grades and teased
Teased while in school?	Yes, nicknamed Mr. Angry
Physically attractive?	Very small for his age
Physical defect?	none
Speech defect?	none
Head injury?	no
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	no
Sexually abused?	no
Father's occupation	unknown
Age of first sexual experience	Never had any (never had romantic relations)
Age when first had intercourse	Never had any
Mother's occupation	Unknown
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	Dropped out at 16
Highest degree	none
Grades in school	low
IQ	126
<b>Work History</b>	
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

Types of jobs worked	Engineer assistant
Employment status during series	employed
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	none
Lives with his children	no
Living with	No one
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	no
Fire setting	no
Bed wetting	no
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Yes, heroin
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Paranoid Schizophrenia and Personality Disorder
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Petty crimes
Spend time in jail?	no
Spend time in prison?	no
Killed prior to series? Age?	no
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	4 killed, 129 injured
Victim type	Gays, blacks, and Asians
Killer age at start of series	22
Gender of victims	Killed- 1 female and 2 males
Race of victims	white
Age of victims	Female- 27, males- 31 and 32
Method of killing	Bomb containing nails
Type of serial killer	Disorganized, missionary killer
How close did killer live?	Walking distance
Killing occurred in home of victim?	no
Killing occurred in home of killer?	no
Weapon	Killer brought the bomb with him and planted it then left
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
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
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	5/01/1999
Date convicted	6/30/2000
Sentence	6 life sentences
Killer executed?	no
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Name and state of prison	Belmarsh for ten months then sent to Broadmoor top security hospital, England.
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive

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