

Dale Wayne Eaton
“The LIL Miss Killer”



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Date	Age	Life Event
02/10/1945	0	Born in February 10, 1945
1945-1960	15	The family moves to Meeker, Colorado
1961	16	While mother was hospitalized for trying to set the house on fire, Dale moved to Greeley, Colorado. Dale hated moving and the one person who was supportive in his life, his mother, was crazy. Father was abusive to him and his mother. Dale ran away often and enjoyed the outdoors rather than going to school. At this time He has his first Psychiatric evaluation. He was held back a year in school and flagged for having serious emotional problems. Got caught committing assault with a deadly weapon, stealing and turned over to Juvenile Authority's and was sent to Lookout Mountain School for Boys.
1962-1964	17-19	Did well at the reform school, learning to weld with proficiency. He leaves the reformatory at age 19.
1964	19	Becomes involved with a 16-year old girl. The family likes her, but he was engaged. Gone during the weekdays and only home on the weekends. She ends up finding another man and leaving. Dale is devastated and things go bad and he has law trouble. He was stealing and sent to jail multiple times. He spent time in CO Buena Vista Correctional Facility.
1970	25	Calmed down and became a productive member of society. Dale helped to build a church to which he was a member and attended. He also was a member of the Operating Engineer's Union.
1971	26	Marries a woman named Melody (18) and on their wedding night she wants a divorce. They had many verbal arguments. He supported her but his job was volatile. She was violent hitting him and he never hit her back. During the relationship dale moves into a friends place after losing his job. During his stay, Dale almost chokes the friend's daughter to death over pork being prepared differently.
1972-1979	27-33	Dale has 2 sons and 1 daughter and was the main support of Melody. In 1979 Melody

		files for divorce.
1979-1986	33-39	Dale and Melody get back together and break up several times, but they divorce for good in 1986. At this point Dale threatens to kill himself and has a psychiatric evaluation. He went to the police with his depression and was sent to a community hospital where he was diagnosed with depression and thought disorder.
04/26/1982	37	There were suspected related murders found in Wyoming. Only skeletal remains were found of a female age 25-30. Injuries were located in the upper arm, right rib cage, and left ankle. Her face was reconstructed statistically since it was destroyed by the elements.
08/07/1982	37	Body was found of another suspected related murder of a female, Belinda Grantham, between the ages of 20-35. She appeared to be strangled to death and had been in the river several days before her discovery. She died from a neck trauma.
09/10/1982	37	Naomi Kidder (not identified until March 1994) was found strangled to death by a wire ligature. She was discovered nude and was considered to be in a "mummified" state when the body was found.
03/01/1983	38	Janelle Johnson was found with legs protruding from a make shift grave. She had been buried, but storm runoff had eroded away part of the grave. She had been raped and bite marks were left on her shoulder.
1987	40	After his release from the hospital, he lived on his uncle's property in Moneta, WY. The property was located in a large open terrain. Dale converted a 1950s bus into a living space. It had little more than propane stove and small bed and no real power. Spent his time doing part time jobs and scavenging. During this time he became good at hunting and using a knife. The lack of accommodations leads Dale to develop bad hygiene.
03/25/1988	43	Eaton abducts 18-year old Lisa Marie Kimmell (Lil Miss) in Fremont County, WY. Eaton drives them 20 miles to his house, an old school bus. She was raped and he performed many violent sexual assaults. He was attached to Lisa and did not kill her immediately. He kept newspaper articles about her missing and she was considered different from the other victims.
03/31/1988	43	On the evening of the sixth day, he gave her a roast beef dinner, dressed her up in socks and panties and drove her 70 miles away to Old Government Bridge. He struck her on the head with a lead pipe where she was then unconscious. He then proceeded to stab her with a large knife 6 times in her vital organs, then dumped her body in the shallow waters over the bridge.
04/02/1988	43	Body of Lisa Kimmell is found in the North Platte River
1988	43	During the summer The uncle's son, Billy, and daughter come to live on the property. During this time, Dale produces a lot of stuff that can't be explained. However Billy accepts some of the stuff.
01/03/1989	43	Dale and Billy go to Salt Lake City, Utah. Billy later said they were in Clearfield, Utah for a few weeks then to Elko, Nevada. Billy stayed and went to school while Dale got a job and started dating a few women at this time.
April 1989	44	Both Dale and Billy go back to Moneta, WY.
06/23/1989	44	The FBI officially takes over the investigation of Kimmell's murder.
1990	41	Patricia Candace Walsh and Scott Zykowski (married) were both found dead. Scott was found near El Paso, TX and Patricia was found in rural county Utah. She was sexually tortured and left in desert conditions with arms posed in the form of a cross. The sun had destroyed her and left her partially mummified.
1989-1992	43-47	The Dons also noted that Dale worked at Gas Hills, Jeff City, and Denver.
1994	49	Dale buys a Ford truck in Riverton, WY and installed a phone in Evanston, WY in January 1994. Then buys food, gas, groceries, and auto parts in February 1994. In spring of 1994 dale is heading West. Summer of 1994 spent traveling North stopping in Worland and Thermopolis, WY.
1994-1995	49-50	During the winter went to Idaho Falls, ID and Denver, CO.
07/24/1997	52	Amy Wroe Bechtel a 24-year old female went missing while going out for a run to

		train for a 10k race. Major suspect related to a green Dodge van. This abduction had people relating to Kathleen Pehringer missing in 1989.
09/12/1997	52	Attempts to kidnap the Breeden family at gunpoint in Red Desert, Wyoming. The family had stopped for car trouble and Dale stopped to "help them" and drive them to a repair shop. When the van stopped, Dale tried to stab Shannon, while her husband Scott jumped on him and hit Dale on his head with a rifle. Scott stabbed Dale with his knife. When Dale was arrested, his story changed which made investigators suspect he was mentally unstable.
04/23/1998	53	Dale took a plea agreement in the Breeden family assault. He had already served 99 days in jail. He promised to several things: abide law, no violations of state and federal law, to answer questions truthfully, full time employment upon release, no possession/consumption of alcohol, no presence of drug and alcohol use, mental health evaluation 30 days later, go to counseling. He was given a 2-5 years suspended sentence in a halfway house, he had a curfew, and got his van back so he could do work.
06/16/1998	53	He drives off in his van, Warrant out for arrest. Information logged into the National Crime Information Computer System
07/30/1998	53	Officer Bill Long sees a van parked and learns from dispatch that Dale was a fugitive felon. Long called for backup and the police found a new rifle in Dale's car. He was sent off to federal prison.
09/03/2001	56	Dale killed his cellmate in a fit of anger, and was charged with manslaughter. His cellmate died from a ruptured vertebral artery.
July 2002	57	Dale's DNA is matched with semen was found on Lisa Kimmell's panties. Police also find Kimmel's car buried on Eaton's property..
04/17/2003	58	Eaton is formally charged for abduction of Lisa Kimmell. He was charged with first degree murder, premeditated murder, aggravated robbery, first degree sexual assault, second degree sexual assault, and aggravated kidnapping
03/03/2004	59	Eaton's trial for the murder of Kimmell begins.
03/17/2004	59	Jury returns guilty verdict.
03/18/2004	59	Testimony begins in the penalty phase of the trial.
03/20/2004	59	Jury sentences Eaton to death..
May 2004	59	During the formal sentencing hearing, the judge added an additional life sentence in case the death sentence was overturned in a higher court
08/18/2008	63	Eaton's case was appealed for: Ineffective assistance of counsel, hostility, prejudice/bias, juror misconduct, wrongful admission of evidence, incomplete record, prosecutorial conduct, cumulative error. Decisions on each of these issues were not reached until this date.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	7 suspected, 2 convicted, none confessed to
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Wyoming, Suspected in Nevada, Utah, Texas
Cities where killing occurred	Fremont County, Wyoming
Type of killer	Organized Lust
Height	5' 8"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	February 10, 1945
Location	Somewhere in the Rocky Mountains
Birth order	2
Number of siblings	7
XYX?	No
Raised by	Mom & Dad...Dad...then Lookout Mountain School for

	Boys
Birth category	Second oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	Yes – Lookout Mt. School
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	Yes, Aunt tried to take from Dad but only lasted 10 days.
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	Mom has mental breakdown (1961)
Age of family event	16
Problems in school?	Yes – trouble relating to others, bad grades, held back, never graduated
Teased while in school?	No – he had beaten up people who tried to tease his siblings.
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	None mentioned
Speech defect?	None mentioned
Head injury?	None mentioned
Physically abused?	His father was abusive
Psychologically abused?	Yes – by his father supposedly
Sexually abused?	Not mentioned
Father's occupation	Manual laborer (Many jobs)
Age when first had intercourse	Not mentioned
Mother's occupation	None
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Used alcohol
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Mentally unstable, use of medical drugs.
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	9
Highest degree	None acquired
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	80's-low 90's
Source of IQ information	Scott (2009, page 327)
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?	Yes, didn't keep jobs very long
Types of jobs worked	Part-time, scavenging and selling at flea markets, manual labor (welding)
Employment status during series	Oiler-construction company (1988);
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single, divorced
Number of children	3 (2 sons and 1 daughter)
Lives with his children	No, son visits
Living with	Self
Triad	
Animal torture	Unknown

Fire setting	Unknown
Bed wetting	Unknown
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	Depression, Thought Disorder
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, theft & assault with a deadly weapon
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	7
Number of victims (confessed to)	0
Number of victims (convicted of)	2 (Lisa Kimmell, cell mate Carl Palmer)
Victim type	Female, 18-40, Shoulder-length Brown hair, 5'-5'5", Petite 100-130 Lbs.,
Killer age at start of series	43
Killer age at end of series	56
Date of first kill in series	March 31- April 1, 1988
Date of final kill in series	September 3, 2001
Gender of victims	Female, although he killed a male cellmate
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	18, 20, 24
Type of victim	A variety of victim types
Method of killing	Blow to the head, strangulation, stabbing
Weapon	Blunt instrument
Was gun used?	For intimidation
Type	.33 caliber
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	n/a
Sex of partner	n/a
Relationship of partner	n/a
Type of serial killer	Organized lust (the killing itself wasn't gratifying, but more of a convenience)
How close did killer live?	20 miles away
Location of first contact	Waltman Rest Stop, US Highway 20/26, Fremont County, WY
Location of killing	Old Government Bridge, North Platte River near Casper, WY
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes 1 st and 2 nd degree sexual assault.
Tortured victims?	Not physically
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes; knocked unconscious, stabbed in vital organs, and

	dumped in river to bleed “dry”
Used blindfold?	Right before killing
Bound the victims?	Yes
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 (in suspected, yes)
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes; entire car
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 (in suspected, yes)
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, hidden	Submerged in water, but not weighted
Moved, buried	No (yes, in suspected murders of Naomi Kidder, Janelle Johnson)
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	Yes... North Platte River
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	April 17, 2003
Date convicted	March 20, 2004
Sentence	Guilty of First-degree premeditated murder, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, first-degree sexual assault, and second-degree sexual assault. Dale received the Death sentence and the judge added life +50.
Killer executed?	Dr. Ash, spoke up sating he was not of the correct mental state most of his life and didn’t deserve the death penalty. Was sentenced to death on March 20, 2004; he appealed the decision (this was rejected on August 18, 2008). As of 11/14/2011, he is currently the only prisoner in WY on death row.
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	n/a
Did serial killer confess?	No
Name and state of prison	Casper, WY state prison
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	n/a
Cause of death	n/a

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