

**Dr. Glennon Edward
Engleman**
“The Killing Dentist”



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Date	Age	Life Event
02/06/1927		Born in Missouri
10/17/1953	26	Married E. Ruth Ball (19) in Clayton, Missouri
04/20/1956	29	Married Eda G. Vanhest (25) in Clayton, Missouri
1958	31	Victim #1 – Shooting of James Bullock near the St. Louis Museum with a .22 caliber. Bullock was married to Engleman’s ex-wife Edna Ruth, who upon Bullock’s death collected \$64,000. She invested \$20,000 of this in a project of Engleman’s, a drag strip.
09/26/1963	36	Victim #2 – Hit Eric Frey, who was an employee of Engleman’s on the drag strip, in the head with a rock, pushed him down a well, and used dynamite to blow him up afterwards. Death was ruled as accidental. His wife, Sandy, who was a friend of Engleman’s, gave all the life insurance money to Engleman’s drag strip.
04/15/1967	40	Marries his second wife, Ruth Jolley
09/05/1976	49	Victim #3 – Shot Peter Halm (WM, 26) in Pacific, Missouri
11/03/1977	50	Killed Arthur Gusewelle (WM, 61) and his wife, Vernita (WF, 55) in their farmhouse nears Edwardsville, IL
03/31/1979	52	Killed Ron Gusewelle (WM, 33) in Illinois. Engleman had been hired by Ron’s wife, Barbara.
01/14/1980	52	Victim #7 – Car bomb killed 50 year-old Sophie Barrera, owner of a dental lab where he owed over \$14,000. Engleman was accused by her son, Frederick Barrera, of her murder.
02/24/1980	53	Arrested for the murder of Peter Halm.
08/04/1980	53	Trial starts
06/03/1981	54	Appeals court upholds murder convictions in the deaths of Peter Halm and Sophie Barrera.
1993	66	TV movie called “Beyond Suspicion” is released. It is loosely based on the killings of Engleman.
03/03/1999	72	Died in prison of natural causes.
General Information		
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Number of victims	Suspected of 7, convicted of 5	
Country where killing occurred	United States	
States where killing occurred	Missouri, Illinois	

Cities where killing occurred	Mostly around St. Louis
Type of killer	Financial gain
Height	
Childhood Information	
Date of birth	February 26, 1927
Location	Missouri
Birth order	
Number of siblings	Three; one sister, Melody, and two brothers
XYY?	
Raised by	
Birth category	
Parent's marital status	
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	Stockily built and attractive in spite of his round face
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	
Psychologically abused?	
Sexually abused?	
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	
Highest degree	Graduated dental school from Washington University, St. Louis
Grades in school	
IQ	Top average
Source of IQ information	<i>Appointment For Murder</i> book
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army Air Corps; Went to college on a GI bill.
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	
Employment status during series	Dentist in Missouri
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married three times
Number of children	One son, David, with third wife, Ruth.
Lives with his children	Yes

Living with	Spouse
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	
Spend time in jail?	
Spend time in prison?	
Killed prior to series? Age?	
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Suspected of 7, convicted of 5
Victim type	Familiars, many were his patients
Killer age at start of series	31
Date of first kill in series	1958
Date of final kill in series	January 14, 1980
Gender of victims	Five men and two women
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	26, 27, 33, 50, 55, 61
Type of victim	Familiars; his patients, spouses of patients, etc.
Method of killing	Variety; car bombs, shooting, bludgeoned, etc.
Weapon	Variety; dynamite, guns, sledgehammer, etc.
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	.22 caliber
Did killer have a partner?	Yes, a number of accomplices. Two were wives of men he killed, a brother of one of the wives.
Name of partner	Nick Miranda & Carmen Miranda (brother & sister), Robert Handy
Sex of partner	Men and women
Type of serial killer	Hit-man, profit, gain
How close did killer live?	In the same city the killing took place.
Location of first contact	Near St. Louis museum.
Location of killing	
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	Possibly
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	Yes
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	Possibly
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Mostly
Left at scene, hidden	Pushed Eric Frey down a well.
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	February 24, 1980
Date convicted	August 1980
Sentence	5 life terms
Killer executed?	No. He avoided the death penalty by confessing to another murder besides the one he was being tried for.
Did killer plead NGRI?	He refused to use the insanity plea.
Was the NGRI plea successful?	NA
Name and state of prison	Missouri Penitentiary
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	Died of natural causes
Date of death	March 3, 1999

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