

Wayne Adam Ford
“Adam”



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Date	Age	Life Event
12/03/1961	0	Born in Petaluma, California
1963	2	Fell off step and hit his head; bled a lot
	Youth	Not close to parents, got in trouble with the law
1970	9	Parents divorced
1973	12	Moved in with father, Calvin Eugene “Gene” Ford (went back and forth between parents)
1973	12	Stayed with family friend after having troubles at home
1976	15	Father remarried, greatly upsetting Wayne
1976	15	Moved in with his uncle, Jimmy
01/1979	17	Joined Marine Corps
10/1980	19	Met Kelly Dick
11/1980	19	Hit by drunk driver causing head injury and noticeable attitude change
05/1981	20	He and Kelly eloped in Vegas
1981	20	Forced Kelly to get an abortion
01/1982	21	Had oral sex with a 15-year old who said she had been raped causing Wayne to run off; later arrested for attempted rape
04/1982	21	Moved to Santa Ana; began managing his apartment complex
12/1982	22	Started therapy
01/13/1983	22	Kelly asked for a divorce
04/08/1983	22	Admitted into naval hospital’s psychiatric ward for “homicidal ideations”

1984	23	Sent home from Okinawa, Japan
05/1984	23	Psychiatrist diagnosed Wayne with “adjustment reaction with mixed features and a personality disorder with explosive and immature features”
05/1984	23	Demoted from rank of Sergeant E-5 to Corporal E-4 after a number of infractions and write-ups
09/27/1984	23	Was given Haldol after becoming violent (went back and forth between happy, violent, and sad over the next few days)
10/1984	23	Diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder “severe and chronic”
10/1984	23	Moved back in with his uncle, Jimmy
10/21/1984	23	Flown to Letterman Army Hospital
10/23/1984	23	Admitted to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital
10/25/1984	23	Transferred to a naval hospital in San Diego
01/31/1985	24	Honorably discharged from Marine Corps for “convenience of the government, character, and behavior disorders”
02/1985	24	Began driving delivery trucks for Sears and Wards and repairing boats. Soon quit and moved to southern California because the work was “beneath him”. Began calling himself Adam.
1986	25	Worked as a driver’s helper loading trucks for American Delivery Service. Delivered papers for <i>Orange County Register</i> , worked at two car dealerships, a motorcycle shop, drove a school bus for disabled children, became a tow truck driver, and a security guard (never kept a job for long)
1986	25	Met Wadad Radwan; developed an on-and-off 6 year relationship
1986	25	Arrested for animal cruelty – shot a dog in his backyard
10/1987	26	Met and moved in with Janice Hawkins; masturbated in front of her teenage daughter. Later moved back with Wadad
1988	27	Found a teen couple broken down, brought them home, and Wadad found him playing cards with no underwear and his testicles hanging out of his shorts because he liked watching the girl’s reaction
1988	27	Watched his roommate’s cousin sleep naked through a window
1988	27	Moved next door to Wadad; their intimate relationship ended in 1992
09/1992	31	Applied for a job with U.S. Border Patrol but did not get it because of his peculiar application and lies about his demotion and being discharged
1992	31	Punched a girl in a bar, injuring her (says it was an accident)
03/1993	31	Arrested for suspicion of firing a weapon and cruelty to animals
10/15/1994	32	Married Elizabeth
12/10/1995	33	Son Max was born to him and his wife, Elizabeth
07/04/1996	34	Elizabeth leaves
10/26/1997	35	Eureka, California. Duck hunter found a woman’s remains in Humboldt County. Police were contacted; body was disassembled, called “Torso Girl”. Unable to identify Jane Doe
12/05/1997	36	Wayne went to a mental-health clinic but never followed through on treatment
01/1998	36	Became drunk and stated that he hated women and wanted to cut them up and hide all of the parts
04/15/1998	36	Divorce from Elizabeth finalized

06/02/1998	36	Woman's body found floating in an Aqueduct near Buttonwillow, CA
06/16/1998	36	Picked up and raped the "Orange County Doe"
7/1998	36	2 nd body identified as Tina Gibbs - prostitute
08/23/1998	36	Picked up and raped R.H. or the "Sonoma County Doe"
09/1998	36	"Kidnapped" and raped V.R.
09/25/1998	36	Woman's body found nude on the side of I-5 near Lodi, California. Body identified as Lanette White, 25, was going to the grocery store
10/1998	36	Killed Patricia Anne Tamez; her breast was the one he later showed police
10/1998	36	Began praying more, talked about suicide more, and listened to Bible cassettes more because of fear that he had no conscience
11/3/1998	36	Wayne admitted to his brother Rodney that he "hurt some people real bad" and turned himself in later that day. Police arrested him on suspicion of mayhem.
11/04/1998	36	After interviewing with detectives for hours, Wayne was placed in a padded cell and placed on suicide watch because of his unstable emotional state. He was prescribed medications to calm him down.
11/04/1998	36	The story was released to the public without giving too much detail; the story still got out about him turning himself in with a breast.
11/04/1998	36	Took police to the place where he buried "Torso Girl's" legs
11/05/1998	36	People that knew him stated their reactions to the press and neighbors began to tell their own stories about Wayne, some untrue, some out of the news, possibly for attention
11/05/1998	36	Wayne met with the psychologist to conduct an evaluation
11/6/1998	36	Arraigned at Humboldt County Superior Court for one murder
12/1998	37	Indicted Ford on a single count of first degree murder for the death of Jane Doe setting the trial to July
6/1999	37	Arrested Ford for 4 counts of 1 st degree murder
10/1999	37	Wayne was transferred to the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga
1/2004	42	Judge Michael Smith rules most of Ford's confessions admissible, however, confessions made after 11-5-1998 inadmissible
01/17/2006	44	Jury selection (screened: 900; chosen: 6 men, 6 women, 6 alternates)
03/13/2006	44	Trial began
04/12/2006	44	Prosecution finished their case
04/24/2006	44	Defense began their case
05/15/2006	44	Wayne given a psychological exam, found to be only slightly more psychotic than the average inmate (57 % would be less, 43% more)
06/14/2006	44	Prosecution delivered their closing arguments (2 hours, 15 minutes)
06/15/2006	44	Defense delivered their closing arguments
06/19/2006	44	Jury (now 7 women, 5 men) began deliberating
06/27/2006	44	Jury reached a verdict – Guilty of 4 counts of 1 st degree murder
07/12/2006	44	Sentencing trial began
08/10/2006	44	Jury decided on sentence
10/17/2006	44	Ford was interviewed for a pre-sentence report and claimed that he was very sorry but he does not think that he is guilty for 4 counts of first degree

		murder, however is guilty for 4 accidental murders
02/2007	45	Judge decided no retrial and agreed with the jury's findings of the death penalty
02/2007	45	Ford was transported to San Quentin Prison
General Information		
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Number of victims	6 or more suspected, 4 convicted, confessed to 4	
Country where killing occurred	United States	
States where killing occurred	California, Nevada	
Cities where killing occurred	Eureka, Las Vegas, Buttonwillow, San Joaquin Valley	
Type of killer	Organized lust	
Height	6'2"	
Childhood Information		
Date of birth	12/3/1961	
Location	Petaluma, California	
Birth order	Second of two	
Number of siblings	1 – older brother Rod	
XYY?	No	
Raised by	Parents prior to divorce, Mother and step-father, father and step-mother, uncle	
Birth category	Youngest child	
Parent's marital status	Divorced	
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No	
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No	
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	Yes, his uncle	
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	Yes, for a short period of time	
Family event	Parents divorced in 1970	
Age of family event	9	
Problems in school?	Yes	
Teased while in school?	No	
Physically attractive?	No	
Physical defect?	No	
Speech defect?	No	
Head injury?	He fell when he was a toddler; a car hit him at age 19	
Physically abused?	No	
Psychologically abused?	No	
Sexually abused?	No	
Father's occupation	Military	
Age of first sexual experience	15	
Age when first had intercourse	15	
Mother's occupation	N/A	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Before he was born, she tried to commit suicide by taking pills; after kids she slit her wrists	
Cognitive Ability		
Highest grade in school	10 th or 11 th	
Highest degree	None	

Grades in school	
IQ	117
Source of IQ information	Rother (2009, page 282)
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Marine Corps
Type of discharge	Honorably discharged
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
Types of jobs worked	Cement mixing company, truck driver, security guard, bus driver, tow truck driver, motorcycle shop, car dealership, driver's helper, delivered papers
Employment status during series	Employed as a truck driver
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Divorced twice
Number of children	1
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Self
Triad	
Animal torture	Yes – shot a dog in his backyard
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	Yes
Diagnosis	Borderline Personality Disorder, Atypical psychosis
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	4
Victim type	3 Young prostitutes, usually on drugs; 1 stranger; all attractive to him
Killer age at start of series	35
Date of first kill in series	October 14 or 15 1997 (Wayne didn't remember)
Date of final kill in series	October 1998
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	2 White, 1 Native American, 1 Hispanic

Age of victims	25 (TG), 25 (LDW), 25 (TRG), 22 (RH-L), 29 (PAT)
Type of victim	Usually young prostitutes; all attractive to him
Method of killing	Strangulation, stabbing postmortem (for one)
Weapon	Ropes and tarp to cover them, killer brought with him. Used hands; doesn't remember how they died, only remembers trying to revive them
Was gun used?	No – though .22 caliber pistol was found
Type	N/A
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
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Location of first contact	Street
Location of killing	In his truck, motels
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	No - Inflicted pain the same way he did previous girlfriends during sex and the same things he wanted them to do to him but they didn't like it /Said that anything that looked torturous was done postmortem
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Two
Quick & efficient?	Two
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	He thinks so but couldn't remember
Mutilated body?	Some
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	Once, he said he kept the breast to use to turn himself in
Took totem – personal item	No
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/ he threw them in the water
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	Cut-up bodies thrown into water
Moved, to home	No/ he cut one up at home and threw her body in the water
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	November 3, 1998

Date convicted	February 2007
Sentence	Death
Killer executed?	N/A
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Did serial killer confess?	Yes
Name and state of prison	San Quentin State Prison, California
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
Cause of death	N/A

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