

## Lorenzo Gilyard



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Date	Age	Life Event
05/24/1950	0	Born in Kansas City, Missouri
02/12/1953	2	Brother, Darryl, is born
07/20/1958	8	Sister, Patricia, is born
1967	17	Married his pregnant girlfriend
1970	20	Lorenzo's father is convicted of rape and sent to prison
04/17/1977	27	Stacie L. Swofford (WF, 17), was found dead in a vacant lot at 45th Street and Euclid Avenue
01/23/1980	30	Gwendolyn Kizine (BF, 15), was reported missing on January 22, 1980, and was found dead the next day behind a building at 1312 the Paseo
11/1981	32	Gilyard's longest stretch in prison, after a stealing conviction
05/09/1982	32	Margaret J. Miller (BF, 17), was found dead in a vacant lot near 37th Street and Garfield Avenue
1983		Gilyard's sister (Patricia Dixon), a prostitute, is sent to prison for the murder of a john and a fellow hooker
03/14/1986	35	Catherine M. Barry, 34, was found dead in an abandoned building near 30th and Central streets
08/16/1986	36	Naomi Kelly, 23, was found dead in a city park at 10th and Harrison streets
11/27/1986	36	Debbie Blevins, 32, was found dead in bushes outside a church at 38th and Wyandotte streets.
04/17/1987	36	The body of Ann Barnes, 36, was found 10 years after Swofford, at 13th Street and Lydia Avenue.
06/09/1987	37	Kellie A. Ford, 20, was found dead in Roanoke Park at 1300 W. Valentine Road.

09/12/1987	37	Angela Mayhew, 19, was found dead in the 2600 block of Genessee Street.
11/03/1987	37	Shelia Ingold, 36, was found dead in an abandoned van parked in the 3700 block of Troost Avenue.
12/19/1987	37	Carmeline Hibbs, 30, was found dead in a parking lot at 3560 Broadway
02/12/1989	38	Helga Kruger (WF, 26) is murdered.
1989	38	Brother, Darryl, is sentenced to life in prison for a drug-related murder
01/11/1993	43	The body of Connie Luther, 29, was discovered in a snowdrift at 25th Street and Allen Terrace
04/18//2004	54	Gilyard arrested after his DNA (taken in 1987) was matched with victim DNA in a national database.
04/29/2004	54	Indicted by the Grand Jury on 12 counts of murder.
June, 2006	56	Prosecutors file a 13 <sup>th</sup> murder charge against Gilyard for the death in February 1989 of Helga Kruger (26).
08/24/2006	56	Motion made by defense to delay trial until March, 2007.
03/16/2007	56	Convicted of six counts of murder: Barry, Kelly, Barnes, Ford, Ingold, and Hibbs

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	Black
Number of victims	13
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Missouri
City where killing occurred	Kansas City
Type of killer	Organized lust
Height	5'8"

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	05/24/1950
Location	Kansas City, MO
Birth order	1 <sup>st</sup> of 3
Number of siblings	2
XYY?	
Raised by	Both birth parents
Birth category	Oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	
Age of family event	Yes
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No

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	
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	10
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	
IQ	
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Trash collector at Deffenbaugh Disposal, supervisor for trash collection in Kansas (Disposal Service Deffenbaugh )
Employment status during series	Employed as a supervisor at a trash collection company, Deffenbaugh Disposal, since 1986.
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	
Lives with his children	
Living with	Spouse before arrest for the murders
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	
Time in forensic hospital?	

Diagnosis	
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes. Rape, the assault of his ex-wife, burglary, a bomb threat, and stealing.
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	13 (known victims)
Victim type	All but one of his victims were prostitutes and/or engaged in that lifestyle with use of drugs. The victim who was not a prostitute was a mentally ill woman in Kansas City who was known to frequently walk the streets and accept rides from strangers.
Killer age at start of series	27
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	10 Caucasian, 3 African American
Age of victims	15, 17, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 36
Method of killing	Strangled, most victims had pieces of clothing stuffed in their mouths and ligature marks on their necks. Some of the victims were posed.
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Prosecutors believe that he drove to the crime scenes
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer brought with him, killer found at scene, no weapon. Weapons included nylon stockings, shoe strings and wire.
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b> - All killings involved sexual assault	
Rape?	All but one of killings involved some type of sexual assault
Tortured victims?	
Stalked victims?	No, but prosecutors contend that in many of the cases Gilyard established contact with the victims several days before killing them.
Overkill?	
Quick & efficient?	
Used blindfold?	
Bound the victims?	Some were bound with or had something tied

	around their neck
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Frequently
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No evidence of this has been found
Robbed victim or location	No
<b>Disposal of Body</b>	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes, on the occasions when the body was posed, bodies found in various places (abandoned van, a field, a parking lot and a snow drift)
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of body	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	The prosecution is seeking the death penalty, the trial is scheduled for October 2006. On August 24, 2006 the defense requested the trial be postponed until March 2007. Gilyard is facing ten counts of first-degree murder and two counts of capital murder.
Date killer arrested	August 2004
Date convicted	The trial was originally scheduled for October 2006, however, a motion was made on August 24, 2006 to postpone the trial until March 5, 2007 due to budget cuts in the state public defender system. The motion was granted. Throughout pre-trial hearing attorneys have debated several issues surrounding the case, including the possibility of eliminating the death penalty. A key piece of evidence was prematurely destroyed by the Kansas City Police Department, a blue coat with blood stains. Because of this the defense has requested that the prosecutions death penalty motion be relinquished. The prosecution is seeking multiple trials with the first one solely focusing on five killings that occurred between 1986 and 1987.
Sentence	Gilyard is awaiting trial, trial scheduled for

	March 2007.
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, he simply plead not guilty
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Not applicable
Name and state of prison	While awaiting trial Gilyard is being held at the Missouri Department of Corrections.
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still living

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