

Waneta Ethel Hoyt



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Date	Age	Life Event
5/13/1964	0	Born in Richford, Massachusetts.
	11	Suffered from measles that left her with poor eyesight, she could only see shadows without glasses.
01/11/1964	17	Tim and Waneta get married.
10/17/1964	18	Son Eric was born.
01/26/1965	18	Eric died.
05/31/1966	20	Son James was born.
07/19/1968	22	Daughter Julie was born.
09/05/1968	22	Julie died.
09/26/1968	22	Eric died.
		Went to see psychiatrist, Dr. Waldo Burnett.
02/1969	22	Last visit to Dr. Burnett.
05/26/1969	23	Filled out application at the county's social service agency to adopt a child.
Summer 1969	23	Became pregnant, dropped plans to adopt.
03/18/1970	23	Daughter Molly was born.
04/15/1970	23	Waneta and her husband drove to Upstate Medical Center to meet Dr. Steinschneider; Steinschneider admitted Molly to study her while she slept to watch her for apnea.
03/08/1970	23	Molly Hoyt became the first baby in the United States to be sent home on an apnea monitor.
03/10/1970	23	Waneta called Dr. Steinschneider because Molly had another spell and she had to resuscitate her. Dr. Steinschneider told her to bring Molly back to Upstate Medical Center and readmitted Molly.
06/04/1970	24	Molly was discharged and sent home with the apnea monitor.
06/05/1970	24	Molly died.
06/12/1970	24	Tim and Waneta reapplied to adopt, but neither agency came through; a caseworker learned that Waneta was pregnant again and was due May 1971.
05/09/1971	24	Waneta gave birth to her fifth child, Noah.
05/13/1971	25	Noah was admitted to Upstate Medical Center for evaluation.
06/13/1971	25	Noah was discharged and sent home for the first time.
06/16/1971	25	Noah was back at Upstate Medical Center; Waneta said Noah had stopped breathing and that she had to resuscitate him.
07/02/1971	25	Tim underwent a vasectomy thinking that whatever is killing his children might be due to hereditary and he didn't think they should have any more children.
07/27/1971	25	Noah was discharged again.

07/28/1971	25	Noah died.
A week later	25	Tim and Waneta applied to adopt a child.
October 1972	25	Dr. Steinschneider published a research paper about the five children.
11/19/1971	25	Tim and Waneta adopted a nine-month-old boy, Scottie, on a six-month trial basis.
11/24/1971	25	Waneta saw a psychologist; she said she was worried she might hurt Scottie. Her psychiatrist suggested Waneta might want to admit herself into a hospital but she refused and said she wanted medication. Her psychiatrist reluctantly prescribed Waneta Stelazine, to treat anxiety, and Elavil, to treat depression.
11/25/1971	25	Waneta called Weisz, the social service agent, to pick up Scottie. She said she wanted to wait a year or two before trying to adopt.
Spring 1972	25	Waneta threatened to kill herself on multiple occasions.
February 1973	26	Waneta told her psychiatrist that she had put her name on a waiting list with a private agency to adopt two children.
1973	28	Waneta had a hysterectomy.
06/14/1974	28	Waneta was raped by a neighbor.
1974	28	Waneta told a man she wanted to start a relationship with him but he refused.
09/20/1976	30	Tim and Waneta adopted a two-month-old boy, Jay.
March 1987	40	Waneta went to see a psychiatrist again, she said Jay was getting on her nerves; she was supposed to return in two weeks for a visit but never did.
09/01/1989	42	Waneta's mother, Dorothy, died in a car crash.
March 1993	46	Waneta said she had suffered a heart attack.
03/23/1994	47	Waneta was questioned and confessed to the murder of the five children; she was arrested that day.
04/15/1884	47	Waneta walked out of jail on bail.
March 1994	48	Waneta's trial began by selecting jurors.
04/17/1995	48	Waneta took the stand to defend her case.
04/20/1995	48	The jurors deliberated about the case after four weeks of trial.
04/22/1995	48	The jury convicted Waneta of five counts of reckless murder.
09/11/1995	49	Waneta was sentenced to five minimum sentences of fifteen to life, but she would have to serve one sentence after another.
08/13/1998	51	Waneta died in prison of pancreatic cancer.

General Information

Sex	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	Convicted of 5
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	New York
Cities where killing occurred	Newark Valley
Type of killer	Munchausen by proxy
Height	

Childhood Information

Date of birth	May 13, 1946
Location	Richford, Massachusetts
Birth order	6 th of 8
Number of siblings	7 technically, but 2 died when she was very young
XYX?	No
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Married
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?	No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	No

Family event	Parents refused to attend wedding
Age of family event	N/A
Problems in school?	Not until she was kicked out of school during her senior year for getting pregnant.
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No. But was raped as an adult (1973)
Father's occupation	State Highway Department
Age of first sexual experience	17
Age when first had intercourse	17
Mother's occupation	Stay at home mom until the children were grown up, then she worked in a factory swing baby clothes
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	She was prescribed medication for anxiety and depression but nothing stated if she abused drugs.
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	11 th grade
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	N/A
IQ	N/A
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	N/A
Worked in law enforcement?	N/A
Fired from jobs?	N/A
Types of jobs worked	Endicott Johnson
Employment status during series	Unemployed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	5 biological, 2 adopted but one was given back.
Lives with her children	Yes, Jay (adopted)
Living with	Husband and children
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No, after killing, she stated she saw a psychiatrist
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No

Diagnosis	N/A
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	No
Spend time in jail?	No
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	5
Victim type	Her children
Killer age at start of series	18
Date of first kill in series	January 26, 1965
Date of final kill in series	07/28/1971
Gender of victims	Male and Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Erik 3 Months, James 2 Years, Julie 48 days, Molly 1.5 months, Noah 2 months
Type of victim	Family
Method of killing	Suffocation
Weapon	Bath Towel, her Shoulder, Pillow
Was gun used?	No
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Munchausen's by proxy
How close did killer live?	Same house
Location of first contact	Birth
Location of killing	Victim's Home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes, Suffocation
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, Called ambulance to get children, said it was SIDS related

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	No
Date killer arrested	March 23,1994
Date convicted	
Sentence	75 years imprisonment
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Did serial killer confess?	Yes then recanted at trial due to she was cohersed.
Name and state of prison	Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, New York State
Killer committed suicide?	No, threatened but never did
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	August 13, 1998

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