

Joseph Kallinger
“The Shoemaker”



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Date	Age	Life Event
12/11/1936	0	Born to Judith Renner in Northern Liberties Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.
January 1937	1	Put into a boarding home where he only saw his mother once a week, developed separation anxiety.
December 1937	2	Joseph was placed on the Catholic adoption list; mother could not find a husband and provide a home for him.
10/15/1938	2	Adopted by Stephen and Anna Kallinger.
1/9/1940	4	Adoption made official after mother tried to bribe the Kallingers into giving her money for her son. She received nothing.
1941	5	Joseph hears the “F” word from some neighborhood kids. He is beaten by his father with a leather strap and by mother with a wooden spoon. He is grounded for a week. During the week the beatings continue, and he is never told what the word means or why he is being punished.
9/16/1943	6	Joseph leaves St. Mary’s hospital after surgery to repair a hernia. His parents tell him that the doctor also gave him surgery to keep his “bird” small and make it not work. Bird was the word used in the Kallinger house for penis. Joseph was kicked in the groin by a girl three weeks prior to the surgery. He claimed he didn’t do anything to deserve it but parents punished him anyway.
1943	7	Joseph steals a book of prayers from the school. Punishment was kneeling on sandpaper for an hour each night.
1944	8	Joseph is hit in the head four times with a hammer by his mother because he wanted to go on a class trip to the zoo. Joe ran into the house and beat his head against walls and tables as his mother chased him with a broom.
1944	8	Joseph is held at knife point by older boys while one performs

		oral sex on him.
12/11/1945	9	First destructive act. Joseph cut up coats of his classmates because he didn't get a birthday present.
January 1947	11	Joseph starts stealing money from his parents to take neighborhood kids to the movies in an attempt to make friends.
January 1947	11	His parents find out he is stealing and is punished by having his fingers burned on the stove. Joseph thought that the pain wasn't bad enough to stop since he had people to go to the movies with so he continued to steal. He ended up getting burned six times.
1949	13	Cuts a hole in his wall for masturbation. Uses pictures of naked men and women as well as needing a knife nearby to achieve orgasm. Soon has to cut and stab pictures to become aroused.
July 1949	13	Persuades his parents to send him to camp for two weeks. At camp he steals a scope off of a rifle and takes it apart. Keeps the lens because it makes things bigger.
1949	13	Ten days after returning from camp, he heard voices telling him to cut someone. He boarded a city bus with a knife. He saw a boy get off of the bus and led him into the woods near a stream and ordered the boy to take off his pants at knife point. He then ran off into the woods and never harmed the boy after ordering him to take off his pants. He did this three more times in the next few months. The last victim, Joe reenacts what had happened to him with the older boys and puts the other boy's penis in his mouth and bites it while he holds the other boy at knife point.
1949	13	Joseph gets lead part in school play, <i>A Christmas Carol</i> . He desired to be an actor after he did well in the play. His parents would have nothing to do with it and laughed at him for wanting to do it.
Spring 1950	14	Joseph met a girl at the movies. He dated Hilda B. for months. His parents told him not to see her but he continued.
September 1951	15	Has intercourse with Hilda.
1951	15	Joseph is told by God that his mission is to heal and save people through their feet. He conducts over 40,000 experiments between 1951 – 1972 due to this vision.
1951	15	Joseph moves into his own place. He continues to work at his father's shoe shop. He and Hilda are still together and frequently having sex. For the first time he has friends. Begins playing poker and pool and also begins drinking.
1953	17	Drops out of school so he can work full time at the shoe shop and marry Hilda.
1953	17	Marries Hilda.
September 1956	20	Hilda leaves him for another man
1957	21	Hospitalized with a suspected brain lesion but tests revealed

		only a “psychopathological nervous disorder.”
April 1958	22	Married a second time.
1958	22	Set his own house on fire for amusement and reaps the benefit of \$1,600 from fire insurance.
July 1959	23	Committed to state hospital for attempted suicide.
August 1965	29	Set fire to his home.
October 1967	31	Set fire to his home.
01/23/1972	36	Branded his oldest daughter with hot iron for running away from home.
01/30/1972	36	Arrested for child abuse charges after three of his children went to the police station and accused their father of abusing them. Both Kallinger and his wife said that the children had run away and denied the abuse charges. Found competent to stand trial after a psychological examination.
June 1972	36	Found guilty of child abuse and sentenced to four years probation with mandatory psychiatric treatment.
1974	38	Hallucinating constantly and holding conversations with a disembodied head (named Charlie) and receiving personal orders from God.
May 1974	38	His son Joey is released from a reformatory after he has been evaluated as seriously disturbed.
06/26/1974	38	Told his 13-year-old son, Michael, of his orders from God to murder young boys and sever their genitals and asked for his son’s help and his son complied with enthusiasm.
07/07/1974	38	Murdered Jose Collazo (10), a Puerto Rican youth, first torturing him then cutting off his genitals.
July 1974	38	Kallinger took out a \$45,000 life insurance policy on his son Joey and his younger son.
07/28/1974	38	Murdered his son, Joey (MW, 13) in Philadelphia, PA.
August 1974	38	His son Joey, who he had reported as missing, was found dead under rubble at a demolition site. The cause of death could not be determined, but Kallinger later admitted to drowning him. The insurance company refused to honor the claim he made.
11/24/1974	38	Joseph and one of his sons force their way into a house in Lindenwold, NJ but no one was home. They break into a second home and Joseph sexually abuses a woman there.
12/03/1974	38	Kidnapped four women during their bridge game in Susquehanna Township, Pennsylvania, and stole \$20,000 worth of valuables and cash. The father and son team held Pamela J. captive in her home, in Homeland, Maryland and forced her to perform sexual acts on Joseph at gunpoint.
01/08/1975	39	Joseph and his son force their way into a house in Leonia, NJ armed with knives and guns and took 8 hostages. They tied up all the hostages with cords that were cut from electronic appliances, and most of the hostages were found naked. Of the

		eight, they killed only Maria Fasching (WF, 21) by slitting her throat. One of the hostages was able to get away and alert a neighbor who called police who arrived and found the seven hostages and Maria dead in the basement.
01/17/1975	39	Police arrested Joseph and two of his sons, Michael, 13 and James, 11 in their home after linking Kallinger to the crime with a bloodstained shirt. They were not sure which son was Joseph's accomplice because they looked alike, but James was released, and Joseph and Michael were jailed.
August 1975	39	Given a psychiatric evaluation, the doctor concluded that Kallinger knew right from wrong and was competent to stand trial.
09/08/1975	39	2 nd trial, his first was declared a mistrial during jury selection. Charged with 4 counts of robbery, 4 counts of false imprisonment, 1 count of burglary. Kallinger testified in his own trial and mentioned periods where he couldn't remember things and told the jury that God communicated with him and often told him what to do. He also said that he was the son of God and had existed as a butterfly.
09/19/1975	39	It took the jury less than an hour to find Kallinger guilty. Sentenced to 30-80 years in prison.
1975-1976	40	While he waited in jail to begin his murder trial in New Jersey he began to act out and try to draw attention to his mental illness. It was determined that he was faking.
September 13, 1976	40	Went on trial in Hackensack, New Jersey for the murder of Maria and taking of the hostages in that home, among other charges. He pleaded not guilty. He acted out in his trial in ways that he had never done before and many believed it was a show being put on for the jury.
October 13, 1976	40	Kallinger found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.
March 1977	41	Set himself on fire in prison.
April 1977	41	Joseph assaulted a fellow inmate and started a fire on his cell block.
1978	42	Moved to a hospital in Waymart, Pennsylvania for the criminally insane and tried to kill another prisoner there.
March 1978	42	Slashed another convict's throat in an unprovoked attack but the victim survived.
1988	42	In television interviews he has expressed his continuing desire to slaughter every person on earth and commit suicide only to "become God".
1991	55	Spent next 5 years in solitary confinement on suicide watch.
March 26, 1996	59	Died after a seizure.
General Information		
Sex	Male	
Race	White	

Number of victims	3
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	New Jersey, Pennsylvania
Cities where killing occurred	Leonia, Philadelphia
Type of killer	Sexual
Height	
Childhood Information	
Date of birth	12/11/1936
Location	Philadelphia, PA
Birth order	Adopted, only child
Number of siblings	None
XYY?	No
Raised by	Adoptive parents
Birth category	Only child
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Adoption
Age of family event	<1 year
Problems in school?	Some theft and destruction, no academic problems found
Teased while in school?	None found
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	Yes, mother beat him on the head with a hammer
Physically abused?	Yes, burned and beaten as punishments
Psychologically abused?	Parents laughed at ambitions and also told him that he has been "fixed" so he couldn't be sexually active
Sexually abused?	Not by parents
Father's occupation	Shoemaker
Age of first sexual experience	8 or 9
Age when first had intercourse	15
Mother's occupation	Worked in the shoe shop with his father
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	8 th or 9 th grade
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	Not known
IQ	84
Source of IQ information	The Crime Library
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?	No
Types of jobs worked	Cobbler all his life
Employment status during series	Employed, lived above his shoe repair shop with his family.
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married twice
Number of children	6
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Spouse and children
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	Yes
Diagnosis	There has been some disagreement between psychologists as to whether or not he had mental illness, but he did receive a diagnosis as a paranoid schizophrenic before his murder trial in New Jersey.
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, arrested for both child abuse and arson.
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes, he killed one of his sons in August of 1974 when Kallinger was 37.
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	3
Victim type	Young boy, his son, and a young woman...all were easy victims for him.
Killer age at start of series	37
Date of first kill in series	7/7/1974
Date of final kill in series	1/8/1975
Gender of victims	2 male, one female
Race of victims	Female and son were white, the young boy was Puerto Rican
Age of victims	10, 13, 21
Type of victim	Young boy, his son, and a young female nurse
Method of killing	Stabbing, drowning

Weapon	Brought knife with him
Was gun used?	He had one, but did not use it
Type	Handgun
Did killer have a partner?	Yes
Name of partner	Michael Kallinger
Sex of partner	Male
Relationship of partner	Family - Son
Type of serial killer	Disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Close to the young boy, but took the train in order to get to the other victim
Location of first contact	Street, victim's home
Location of killing	Street, victim's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes for the nurse
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Yes
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	Yes, with the young boy
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Yes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Young boy and son were hidden, the nurse was left at the scene
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	Yes
Cut-op and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	January 17, 1975
Date convicted	September 19, 1975 and October 13, 1976
Sentence	30 to 80 years for first trial and life in prison for second

Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Pennsylvania
Killer committed suicide?	Attempted
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	March 26, 1996

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