

Diana Lumbrera



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Date	Age	Life Event
11/21/1958	0	Born in Friona, Texas to Albino Lumbrera (25) and Juanita Hernandez Lumbrera (19). Diana was the first of seven children.
04/06/1962	3	Diana's brother, Adam, is born in Bailey County, Texas
11/17/1964	5	Diana's sister, Virginia, is born in Parmer County, Texas
1971	13	Dropped out of school, faked physical illness
12/24/1972	14	Married Rodolfo Carrillo (18) and moved to Bovina, Texas (Bragg, 1990)
1974	15	Tired of her flirtatious behavior, Rodolfo left Diana. Diana met Lionel Garza (who would later become her second husband)
03/14/1975	16	Gave birth to daughter, Melissa Lumbrera, in Bovina, Texas
08/18/1976	17	Gave birth to daughter, Joanna Lumbrera, in Friona, Texas
11/30/1976	18	Killed Joanna Lumbrera (HF, 3 months old) in her home in Friona, Texas. Joanna was dead on arrival when Diana brought her to the Parmer County Community Hospital. Strangulation due to aspiration of stomach contents.
02/19/1977		Married Lionel G. Garza (19) in Parmer County, Texas (Source: Texas Marriage Collection, 1814-1909 and 1966-2002)
11/28/1977	19	Gave birth to son, Luís Garza, in Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico.
02/13/1978		Killed Luís Garza (HM, 2 ½ months old) in her home in Friona, Texas. Luís was dead on arrival when Diana brought him to the Parmer County Community Hospital.
10/02/1978		Killed Melissa Lumbrera (HF, 3 years old) in her home. Melissa was dead on arrival when Diana took her to the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona, Texas.
11/29/1979	21	Gave birth to daughter, Melinda Ann Garza, in Muleshoe, Texas.
10/08/1980		Went for a drive with her cousin's daughter, Ericka Leonor Aleman. Thirty minutes later, Ericka (HF, 6 weeks old) is dead on arrival when Diana brings her to West Plains Medical Hospital in Muleshoe, Texas.
1980	21	Lionel Garza files for divorce

08/17/1982	24	Killed Melinda Lumbrera (HF, 3 years old) in her home. Melinda was pronounced dead at her home in Friona, Texas.
1982	24	Lionel's and Diana's divorce becomes official
10/10/1983	24	Gave birth to son, Christopher Daniel Marcos, in Clovis, New Mexico.
03/08/1984	25	Had an abortion and received a prescription for birth control pills
03/28/1984		Killed Christopher Daniel Marcos (HM, 5 ½ months old) in her home. Daniel was dead on arrival when Diana took him to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, Texas.
05/21/1985	26	Diana's mother died in Bovina, Texas, at the age of 46
1985		Diana moves to Garden City, Kansas
02/21/1986	27	Gave birth to son, José Antonio Lumbrera, in Garden City, Kansas
05/01/1990	31	Killed Jose Antonio Lumbrera (HM, 4 years old) in her home. José was dead on arrival when Diana took him to St. Catherine's Hospital in Garden City, Kansas.
05/05/1990		Arrested in Kansas for alleged murder of José Antonio Lumbrera
06/12/1990		Had preliminary hearing in Kansas
10/03/1990		Convicted for the death of José Antonio Lumbrera
Late 1990/ Early 1991	32	Investigation and trial in Texas
04/23/1991		Found guilty of murder in the first degree for the deaths of Melissa, Melinda, and Daniel
06/1991		Began serving her time in a Kansas prison
06/20/2003	44	Diana's father died in Clovis, New Mexico
09/07/2004	45	Released from the Kansas prison
09/07/2004	45	Began serving time in the Mountain View Unit of a Texas prison
11/18/2012		Still serving time in Texas as of November 18, 2012

General Information

Sex	Female
Race	Hispanic
Number of victims	7
Country where killing occurred:	United States
States where killing occurred	Texas and Kansas
Cities where killing occurred	Lubbock, Friona, Muleshoe, Dimmitt, Garden City
Counties where killing occurred	Lubbock, Parmer, Bailey, Castro, Finney
Type of killer	Financial Gain - Black Widow
Height	5'8"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	November 21, 1958
Location	Friona, Texas
Birth order	Oldest child
Number of siblings	Two sisters (Estella, Virginia) and four brothers (Adam, Jessie, Joe, and Roy)
XYY?	No
Raised by	Father and mother
Birth category	First-born
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 ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer ever live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	Mother died May 1985
Age of family event	26
Problems in school?	Poor performance, failing grades, bullied other children
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
Father's occupation	Laborer
Mother's occupation	Housewife
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	7 th
Highest degree	N/A
Grades in school	Failing
IQ	Average
Source of IQ information	Book: mommy's little angels pg.115
Work History	
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?	No
Types of jobs worked	Meat Packer; Nursing Home (Canterbury Villa, 1985);
Employment status during series	Meat Packer; Nursing Home
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married 2 times (1972 to Rodolfo Carrillo; 1977 to Lionel Garza)
Number of children	6 children
Lives with her children	Yes
Living with	Her husband and children
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	No diagnosed mental problems except for hypochondria
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	No
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No

Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	7
Number of victims (confessed to)	4
Number of victims (convicted of)	4
Victim type	Family - Children
Killer age at start of series	18
Killer age at end of series	31
Date of first kill in series	November 30, 1976
Date of final kill in series	May 1, 1990
Gender of victims	4 Female; 3 Male
Race of victims	7 Hispanic
Age of victims	3 months, 2 ½ months, 3 years, 6 weeks, 2 years, 5 ½ months, 4 years
Type of victim	Family
Method of killing	Suffocation/strangled
Weapon	No
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
How close did killer live?	Lived with 6 of her victims; was a babysitter to her fourth victim, Ericka Aleman
Location of first contact	
Location of killing	Killer's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes; except for Ericka Aleman
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Intentionally went out that day to kill?	Yes
Overkill?	No
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	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; Victims taken to the hospital
Moved, hidden	No
Moved, buried	No

Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	May 5, 1990
Date convicted	April 23, 1991
Sentence	3 life sentences
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Did serial killer confess?	Confessed to 4 of the murders (by pleading guilty)
Name and state of prison	Kansas Prison (June 1991 – September 2004); Mountain View Unit of Texas Prison (September 2004 – present)
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
Cause of death	N/A
Victim 1	
Name	Joanna Garza
Date killed	November 30, 1976
Date body was found	November 30, 1976
Gender	Female
Race	Hispanic
Age	3 months old
How killed	Strangulation due to aspiration of stomach contents
State killed	Texas
City killed	Friona
County killed	Parmer
Type of target	Daughter
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 2	
Name	Luís Garza
Date killed	February 13, 1978
Date body was found	February 13, 1978
Gender	Male
Race	Hispanic
Age	2 ½ months old
How killed	Undetermined
State killed	Texas
City killed	Lubbock
County killed	Lubbock
Type of target	Son
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 3	
Name	Melissa Lumbrera
Date killed	October 2, 1978
Date body was found	October 2, 1978
Gender	Female
Race	Hispanic
Age	3
How killed	Strangulation due to aspiration of stomach contents

State killed	Texas
City killed	Friona
County killed	Parmer
Type of target	Daughter
Did killer confess to this murder?	Yes
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 4	
Name	Ericka Leonor Aleman
Date killed	October 8, 1980
Date body was found	October 8, 1980
Gender	Female
Race	Hispanic
Age	6 weeks old
How killed	Undetermined
State killed	Texas
City killed	Muleshoe
County killed	Bailey
Type of target	Cousin
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 5	
Name	Melinda Ann Garza
Date killed	August 17, 1982
Date body was found	August 17, 1982
Gender	Female
Race	Hispanic
Age	2
How killed	Acute heart failure due to increased taxation on a case of congenital heart disease
State killed	Texas
City killed	Friona
County killed	Parmer
Type of target	Daughter
Did killer confess to this murder?	Yes
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 6	
Name	Christopher Daniel Lumbrera
Date killed	March 28, 1984
Date body was found	March 28, 1984
Gender	Male
Race	Hispanic
Age	5 ½ months
How killed	Septicemia (blood infection)
State killed	Texas
City killed	Dimmitt
County killed	Castro
Type of target	Son
Did killer confess to this murder?	Yes
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 7	
Name	José Antonio Lumbrera
Date killed	May 1, 1990
Date body was found	May 1, 1990

Gender	Male
Race	Hispanic
Age	4
How killed	Asphyxia due to smothering
State killed	Kansas
City killed	Garden City
Country killed	Finney
Type of target	Son
Did killer confess to this murder?	Yes
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes

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