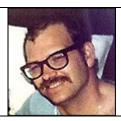
Roy Norris



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Date	Age	Life Event	
02/02/1948	0	Born in Greeley Colorado	
1965	17	Dropped out of high school & joined the Navy	
1969	21	Spent four months in Vietnam. Never saw combat.	
1969	21	Started using marijuana.	
Nov 1969	21	In San Diego, CA, he forced himself into a woman's car and attempted rape. He was free on bail.	
1969	21	Received an administrative discharge from the Navy for "psychological problems"	
May 1970	22	Attacked a young female student on campus of San Diego State University, clubbed her with a stone, and then slammed her head repeatedly into a concrete sidewalk Charged with assault with a deadly weapon	
1970	22	Confined to Atascader State Hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender	
1975	27	Released on probation; doctors claimed he was no longer a danger to others.	
		Only after being released for three months, Norris attacked a 27-year-old woman, strangled her with her scarf then raped her. Convicted of forcible rape, and shipped to the California Men's Colon at San Louis Obispo	
1978	30	Met Lawrence Bittaker at California Men's Colony. The two men claimed to be soul mates and never left one another's side. They shared the same fantasies of domination through rape and torture. They made plans to have some "fun" after being released from prison. They planned to kill young women ages 13-19, every year of being a teenager.	
01/15/1979	31	Released from California Men's Colony	
1979	31	Moved in with his Mother after parole at an L.A. trailer park and used his Navy training to find work as an electrician	
1979		Received a letter from Bittaker, asking to go through with plans that were discussed while in prison.	
Feb – June 1979		The men searched for a place to kill the young women they planned on kidnapping. The place was buried deep in the San Gabriel mountains, on a fire mountain road.	
06/24/1979	31	Norris and Bittaker find their first victim, 16 year-old Cindy Schaeffer. She was taken by the men and brought into the truck, where Norris duct taped her mouth shut and bound her ankles and wrists. She was driven to fire mountain road where she was raped, and strangled with a wire hanger. Her body was thrown in a	

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		canyon.
07/08/1979	31	Norris and Bittaker picked up 18 year-old Andrea Hall who was hitch hiking the Pacific Coast Highway. She was taped and bound in the back of the truck and once again, brought back to fire mountain road. Andrea was repeatedly raped by turns. Norris and Bittaker took pictures of the girl as she fought for her life. When she started to scream the men asked her not to stop. Bittaker stabbed Andrea twice with an ice pick, once in each ear. She was then strangled and then thrown off of a cliff
09/03/1979	39	Norris and Bittaker spotted their 3 rd and 4 th victims hitchhiking along the Pacific Coast Highway. 13 year-old Leah Lamp and 15 year-old Jackie Gilliam. The men picked up the girls and said they were going to the beach; the girls smoked marijuana casually and noticed Bittaker drive away from the direction of the beach. The girls tried to resist but were tied, bound, taken to the fire road, and kept prisoners for two days. Bittaker and Norris repeatedly raped and tortured the girls while tape-recording the whole time. Norris took a baseball bat to Leah's skull. Bittaker stabbed Gilliam in both ears with an ice pick, didn't kill her so strangled her to death with a coat hanger. Bittaker squeezed Lamp's throat while Norris pounded her head 7 times with a sledgehammer. The girls were then thrown off of a cliff
10/31/1979	39	While driving in the Sunland-Tujunga section of the San Fernando Valley the men picked up 16-year-old hitchhiker Shirley Ledford. Almost immediately after entering the van, Shirley was bound and gagged with construction tape. The men repeatedly stabbed her with pliers; hit her with ice picks in the ears, and hammers to the elbows 25 times while sodomizing her at the same time. They did not want her to stop screaming. The event was being recorded the whole time. The men eventually wrapped a hanger around Shirley's neck tying it with pliers until she died. The men then decided, instead of throwing her off of a cliff, to set her body on the front yard in a residential neighborhood, Hermosa Beach.
Nov 1979	39	Norris bragged about his exploits to an old prison friend, Joe Jackson. Norris told him details about what he and Bittaker had done to the girls. Jackson went and told his attorney, who then went to the LA Police department
11/20/1979	39	Detectives Bynum and Kay started following Norris, waiting for him to slip up on his parole, so they could in turn arrest and question him about the accusations made. They saw Norris dealing marijuana and he was soon after arrested by the Hermosa Beach police for parole violation
11/30/1979	39	Norris was brought before Detectives Cray and Bynum as well as District Attorney Kay and a judge. He was confronted about possible information pertaining to the kidnapping, rape, torture and murder of several different women. He soon enough, confessed, and started to put blame on Bittaker. He was allowed to plea bargain, essentially putting more weight of the crimes on Bittaker. Norris and Bittaker were then charged with robbery, kidnapping, forcible rape, sex perversion, criminal conspiracy, and five counts of murder.
Feb 1980	40	Norris took detectives to San Gabriel Mountains to look for remains. Almost no remains were found except for bones from Jackie Gilliman and Leah Lamp. An ice pick still stuck in Jackie's Skull.
March 1980	40	The prosecutor against Norris agreed not to seek the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole. The death penalty was waived and Norris was granted life sentence with parole eligibility in return for Norris's testimony against Bittaker. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison, with a minimum of 30 years to serve before parole, and will be eligible for parole in the year 2010.
As of 2007		Norris is still at Pelican Bay prison in California

General Information						
Sex	Male					
Race	White					
Number of victims	5 confirmed					
Country where killing occurred	United States					
States where killing occurred	California					
Cities where killing occurred	South Bay area of Los Angeles					
Type of killer	Organized thrill					
Height	N/A					
Childhood Information						
Date of birth	February 2 nd 1948					
Location	Greeley, Colorado					
Birth order	N/A					
Number of siblings	N/A					
XYY?	No					
Raised by	Both Parents					
Birth category	N/A					
Parent's marital status	Married					
Family event	No					
Age of family event	N/A					
Problems in school?	Yes					
Teased while in school?	Yes					
Physically attractive?	No					
Physical defect?	No					
Speech defect?	No					
Head injury?	No					
Physically abused?	No					
Psychologically abused?	No No					
Sexually abused?	No N/A					
Father's occupation	N/A					
Age of first sexual experience	N/A					
Age when first had intercourse	N/A					
Mother's occupation Father abused drugs/alcohol	N/A N/A					
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	N/A					
	IV/A					
Cognitive Ability	Day 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1					
Highest grade in school	Dropped out at age 17					
Highest degree	N/A					
Grades in school	N/A					
IQ Source of IO information	Unknown N/A					
Source of IQ information	IV/A					
Work History	X7					
Served in the military?	Yes					
Branch	Navy					
Type of discharge	Psychological problems					
Saw combat duty	No No					
Killed enemy during service?	No No					
Applied for job as a cop? Worked in law enforcement?	No No					
Fired from jobs?	No N/A					
Types of jobs worked	N/A Electronics technician					
Employment status during series	Employed					
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Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	None
Lives with his children	N/A
Living with	Mother
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
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Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	N/A
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	Yes
Diagnosis	Mentally disordered sex offender
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	5 (Confirmed)
Victim type	White teenage female, hitchhiker
Killer age at start of series	31
Date of first kill in series	June 24 th 1979
Date of final kill in series	October 31 st 1979
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	15-19
Type of victim	Hitchhikers, random
Method of killing	Torture with ice picks, pliers, and hangers, Strangulation by
***	wire hanger.
Weapon	Kept in the van. Pliers, hangers, ice picks, sledgehammer
Was gun used?	No N/A
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	Yes
Name of partner Sex of partner	Lawrence Bittaker
Type of serial killer	Male Organized lust, organized thrill
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Location of first contact	Picked victim up off street
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Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Yes

Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
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. Did audio record the rape/killing and take pictures
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
Moved, buried	No
Cut-op and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	November 20 th 1979
Date convicted	March 1980
Sentence	Life sentence with parole eligibility after minimum 30 years
	served before parole
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Pelican Bay Prison, California
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A

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