

Richard Ramirez
“The Night Stalker”



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Date	Age	Life Event
02/28/1960	0	-Born in El Paso, Texas -nicknamed Richie - was a good baby-didn't cry much, ate & slept well
1962	2	-Dresser fell on his head. Was knocked unconscious for 15 minutes. Received 30 stitches.
1965	5	-Hit in the head with a swing and was knocked unconscious.
1966	6	-Witnessed his father beating his oldest brother-Ruben -Started having seizures – Diagnosed with Temporal Lobe Epilepsy
1967	7	-Started to have problems in school but overall a good student
1969	9	-Started to be a loner
1970	10	-Began to smoke marijuana. -Would often sleep in the cemetery to escape his fathers rage.
1972	12	-Started hanging out with his cousin Mike. Mike was a Vietnam war veteran and he began showing Richard graphic photographs of women performing oral sex on his cousin at gun point. Another picture shows Mike holding the severed head of the same women. -Was sexual aroused by these photographs. -Threw a rock through the neighbor's widow, when his mother was informed she just shrugged.
1973	13	Was 5'9" and 190 lbs
05/04/1973	13	Witnessed his cousin murder his wife.
1973	13	-Stopped paying attention in school -Went to Los Angeles for the first time to visit his brother Ruben. During which time he started to get into pornography and learned from his brother how to pick locks, open windows from the outside, and alarm systems.
07/13/1973	13	-Moved in with his sister Ruther and her husband Roberto Avala.
1973-1977	Teenager	-Not a gang member, but ran with a group that smoked a lot of weed. Dressed in all black and listened to ACDC on a walkman. With this group he began stealing and entering homes through unlocked windows. -Began to stalk and hunt rabbits, coyotes and birds. Would often gut the animals and feed the entrails to his dog. -Began to experiment with hallucinogens (mushrooms & peyote)
1973-1977	Teenager	-Was known as Ricky the Klepto, aka. Dedos or Fingers -Began to have sex with prostitutes
1973-1977	Teenager	-Sent to the Texas youth camp for juvenile delinquents
1973-1977	Teenager	-After returning from the camp he constantly cut class and his grades fell. He

		failed to attempts at 9 th grade and dropped out of high school at 17.
1977	17	First sexual experience with a women who was not a prostitute – Nancy Avila
Late 1977	17	Cousin Mike was released from Texas state Mental Hospital and started hanging out with him again.
1978	18	February - Moved to Los Angeles Habitual drug user and candy eater. Resulted in tooth decay
1978	18	Began to worship Satan Drove to San Francisco to meet Anton LaVey, author of <i>The Satanic Bible</i>
1978-1984	18-24	Arrested many times for possession, breaking and entering, theft, and auto theft
1979	19	Began to let personal hygiene go.
1981	21	Arrested in Pasadena for auto theft
1983	23	His Sister Ruth went to LA to try to convince Richard to move back to El Paso. He refused, admitted to being a thief and that Satan was protecting him.
1984	24	Arrested in Los Angeles for auto theft
06/28/1984	24	Entered through an open window and violently stabbed Jennie Vincow (79) while she slept. He had sex with the corpse.
03/17/1985	25	Shot Angela Bar (22) outside her condo, she survived. Inside he shot and killed her roommate Dayle Okazaki (34). An hour later he jumped Tsai-Lian Yu (30) and pulled her from her car and left her in the road. Three days later he killed an eight-year-old girl from Eagle Rock.
03/27/1985	25	Shot and killed Vincent Zazzarra (64) and his wife Maxine (44). Maxine's body was mutilated, a T was carved on her left breast, and her eyes were gouged out.
05/29/1985	25	Killed Malvial Keller (83) and severely hurt her invalid sister Blanche Wolfe (80) with a hammer. Attempted to rape Keller, but failed. Drew a pentagram on her thigh and on the wall in the room. The next day he bound, raped, and sodomized Ruth Wilson (41) while her 12-year old son was locked in a closet. Afterward he cut her once, but then tired her and her son together and left.
06/27/1985	25	Raped a six-year-old girl in Acadia
06/28/1985	25	Beat and slit Patty Higgins' (32) throat.
07/02/1985	25	Killed Mary Cannon (75) by beating and slitting her throat.
07/05/1985	25	Beat Deidre Palmer (16) with a tire iron, she survived.
07/07/1985	25	Beat Joyce Lucille Nelson (61) to death. On the same day he attacked Linda Fortuna (63) and tried to rape her, but failed.
07/20/1985	25	Maxon Kneiling (66) and wife Lena (66) were shop and corpses mutilated. On the same day he shot Chitat Assawahem (31). Sakima (29) his wife was beaten and forced to perform oral sex. \$He collected 30,000 in valuables and sodomized the couple's eight-year-old son.
08/06/1985	25	Shot both Christopher Peterson (38) and his wife Virginia (27) in the head. They both survived.
08/08/1985	25	Shot Ahmed Zia (35) and raped and sodomized his wife Suu Kyi (28) also forced her to perform oral sex.
08/24/1985	25	Traveled 50 miles to Los Angeles where he broke into the home of Bill Carns (29) and shot him in the head. He raped Carns wife Inez (27) and demanded she swear her love for Satan. She was also forced to perform oral sex on him. Then he tied her up and left. She made her way to the window and saw the car.
08/30/1985	25	With the information Erickson and a teenage who wrote down the strangers licenses plate the police were able to match prints from the car and a warrant was issued for his arrest and a picture was released to the public. Richard went to Tucson, Arizona to visit his brother Robert. Saw cops in the Tucson bus station and went back to LA.
8/31/1985	25	After being hit in the head twice by Manuel De La Torre as captured by citizens. ⁷³
1996	36	Married Doreen Lioy in Prison

General Information	
Sex	Male
Race	Hispanic
Number of victims	14
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	California
Cities where killing occurred	Los Angeles
Type of killer	Hard to categorize because his crimes were so different in nature and his methods often varied.
Height	6' 1"
Childhood Information	
Date of birth	February 29, 1960
Location	El Paso, Texas
Birth order	5 th
Number of siblings	4
XYY?	No
Raised by	Both parents and sister
Birth category	Youngest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Witness his cousin kill his wife
Age of family event	13
Problems in school?	Yes – Just didn't pay attention and became truant
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Until he began to
Physical defect?	Diagnosed with Temporal Lobe Epilepsy
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	-Age 2-Dresser fell on him was knocked unconscious. Received 30 stitches in his forehead. Scar is still visible. -Age 5-Hit in the head by a swing and knocked unconscious.
Physically abused?	His father would often become enraged at objects and would often beat the oldest (Ruben) for disgracing the family
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	Describe
Father's occupation	Had several jobs-farmer, policeman, laborer, construction worker
Age of first sexual experience	Age 12-Became sexual aroused by graphic photographs his cousin Mike a Vietnam war veteran, showed him of women performing oral sex on him at gun point. Another picture shows Mike holding the severed head of the same women.
Age when first had intercourse	Began to frequent prostitutes during his teens. Age 17-First known intercourse with someone other than a prostitute – Nancy Avila
Mother's occupation	Factory worker (Tony Lama, a Texas boot manufacturer)
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No – Was diabetic.
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No – But was exposed to the fallout from nuclear bomb testing in 1948 while she lived in Juarez, Mexico. She was also exposed to toxic chemicals while Richard was in the womb
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	11 th
Highest degree	N/A
Grades in school	He was a truant for most of his time at Jefferson High School, finally dropping out at the age of 17. As one of his

	teachers said, "He didn't give a damn about anything. He hit the dope pretty hard and was heavily into rock 'n' roll".
IQ	
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?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Never held an honest job
Employment status during series	Didn't really have a job, got money by being a burglar
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married once he was in prison to Doreen Lioy
Number of children	None
Lives with his children	
Living with	By himself and sometime with a friend in California who recognized the artist sketches of him
Triad	
Animal torture	No evidence of this
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes, started with weed and progressed to cocaine. At first he snorted cocaine, but eventually started to inject it. Once even breaking the needle off in his arm.
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Not until after the crimes while in jail. However he didn't want to plead insanity.
Time in forensic hospital?	Not specified
Diagnosis	No noted diagnosis of mental or physical disorders. However since he was a child he suffered from seizures.
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Breaking and entering, misdemeanor theft, possession, and stealing cars, which were generally Datsuns or Toyotas because he had the master key.
Spend time in jail?	Texas Youth Camp for Juvenile Delinquents for truancy. Was arrested once in Pasadena in 1981 and in Los Angeles in 1984 for auto theft. Because of his prior criminal record he was one of the first to be identified using a DNA database.
Spend time in prison?	Not noted
Killed prior to series? Age?	There is no evidence that would tie him to a murder before the series.
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Convicted of 13

Victim type	Varied
Killer age at start of series	24
Date of first kill in series	June 28, 1984
Date of final kill in series	8/24/1985
Gender of victims	Showed no gender preference however men were generally killed immediately upon entrance into home and women were abused and tortured
Race of victims	Showed no race preference
Age of victims	Showed no age preference
Type of victim	Family, single women, elderly, no particular preference however most victims lived in either brown or white stucco homes similar to his childhood home
Method of killing	Some victims were shot, others were beaten to death
Weapon	Gun, knives, tire iron, and hammer
Was gun used?	Sometimes
Type	.22 revolver, .25 automatic
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Type of serial killer	Hedonists: disorganized lust and thrill killer , however with some victims he used a more mixed disorganized and organized approach
How close did killer live?	Some victims were at walking distance others he drove to them in stolen vehicles
Location of first contact	Victim's home
Location of killing	All were in victim's home except Veronica Yu-She was shot in her car at an intersection.
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Followed one-Veronica Yu off of a freeway before shooting her.
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	Sometimes, particularly with the men
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Sometimes
Mutilated body?	Sometimes
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No, however some victims had satanic markings on them or in the room where the murder happened
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Generally took anything valuable from the home to pawn
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
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	
Date killer arrested	8/31/1985
Date convicted	Convicted on September 20, 1989 and Sentenced on November 7, 1989
Sentence	Death, in gas chamber
Killer executed?	Not yet
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	NA
Name and state of prison	San Quentin State Prison, California
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A

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