

Robert Reldan
"The Charmer"



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Date	Age	
06/02/1940	0	Born in Brooklyn, New York, as Robert Nadler to William and Marie Nadler. Robert later changed his last name to Reldan.
1943	3	His sister, Susan Nadler, was born.
1951	11	Family moves from New York to Fort Lee, New Jersey.
01/11/1957	17	Grabbed a woman by the throat and stole her purse outside of her NY apartment.
03/27/1957	17	Before Judge Joseph Schurman of Manhattan's General Sessions Court, Reldan pleads guilty. Reldan is classified as a juvenile delinquent and placed on indefinite probation.
10/09/1957 - 10/12/1957	17	Committed a series of residential burglaries.
12/19/1957	17	Judge Martin Kole placed Reldan on indefinite probation in regards to the burglary cases. Psychiatric examinations at Menlo Park State Psychiatric Hospital a mandate of his probation
01/13/1957 – 01/17/1958	17	Psychiatrists determined that Reldan displayed a narcissistic character disorder and had strong repressed hostility towards women.
1958	17	Reldan graduates from high school in Fort Lee, NJ
07/17/1958	18	Reldan is arrested in Closter, NJ for stealing five cars
08/01/1958	18	Reldan is taken to a New Jersey state hospital for observation. The psychiatrists diagnose Reldan with "sociopathic personality disturbance with anti-social" reaction.
12/24/1958	18	Reldan is released from the state hospital into his parents' custody.
01/15/1959	18	Reldan is found guilty of auto theft and is sentenced to indefinite probation.
February, 1959	18	Reldan is arrested in New York for auto theft but charges are not filed against him.
03/24/1959	18	Because the auto theft was a parole violation, Reldan is given a

		three-year sentence to Great Meadows Reformatory in New York.
January, 1962	21	Reldan is released from Great Meadows on parole.
02/25/1962	21	Reldan sexually assaults A.H. (HF, 14) during a home invasion/robbery in Fort Lee, NJ
1962	21-22	Reldan leaves New Jersey and travels to Connecticut and New Jersey before arriving in Florida.
11/30/1962	22	Arrested in Miami Beach for impersonating a police officer. Dade County authorities allowed Reldan a plea bargain, and his final sentence was a 90 day suspended jail sentence.
Spring, 1963	22	Reldan returns to New Jersey.
07/27/1963	23	Reldan is arrested by Closter, NJ police for carrying a concealed weapon
August, 1963	23	Reldan is arrested by North Arlington, NJ police for assault and breaking and entering
Fall, 1963	23	A Bergen County, NJ grand jury indicts Reldan for the February, 1962 assault of A.H. in Fort Lee, NJ
12/02/1963	23	Reldan's first criminal trial begins – committing assault with attempt to rape A.H., breaking and entering, and the theft of money/jewelry. The trial resulted in a hung jury.
01/03/1964	23	Reldan is arrested for six robberies occurring in New York City between June 4 and July 23, 1963.
1964		Reldan reaches a plea agreement for the New York robberies and the two New Jersey charges. Reldan is sentenced to five years in prison for the crimes. He first served his sentence in New Jersey and then in New York.
09/15/1966	26	Reldan is paroled early and goes to live with his parents in Closter, NJ.
04/27/1967	26	Convinced B.C. to allow him entrance into her home in Teaneck, NJ (Bergen County), and then raped her.
04/29/1967	26	Closter (a town in Bergen County, NJ) Police call Reldan in to question him in regards to an “unspecified police matter”. B.C. identifies Reldan as her attacker. Reldan is arrested and accused of rape.
06/02/1967	27	Bergen County grand jury indicts Reldan for the rape of B.C.
07/13/1967	27	Reldan's trial begins
07/17/1967	27	Trial for the B.C. case resulted in a hung jury and a mistrial was declared.
09/25/1967	27	Retrial for the B.C. case began. This trial lasted three days, and resulted in Reldan's conviction.
10/18/1967	27	Because Reldan was convicted of a sex crime with the B.C. case, the State Diagnostic & Treatment Center (in Rahway, NJ) had to evaluate him to determine his status as a sexual predator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results said Reldan “showed a compulsive pattern of sexual behavior”, and noted that he strived “ingratiating and manipulative”. • Reldan was sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed 30 years at the center for treatment of his “repetitive, compulsive pattern of sexual behavior”.
10/20/1970	30	Reldan is paroled after serving just over three years
03/16/1971	30	William Prendergast (Robert's friend) is hospitalized for back surgery. Robert spent much of the day with him in the hospital but departed mid to late afternoon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At approximately 8:00 p.m. Reldan entered B.M.'s (F, 31) car and held her at knifepoint. B.M. was able to escape and contact authorities. Reldan was apprehended shortly

		thereafter.
03/23/1971	30	Reldan's parole is revoked and he is returned to Rahway prison.
10/18/1971	31	Reldan appears in court for his assault of B.M.. Initially he pleads not-guilty, but subsequently accepts a plea bargain and pleads guilty.
02/14/1972	31	Judge John E. Bachman accepts proposed plea bargain and Reldan receives five to seven years, to be served in concurrence with the B.C. rape.
08/10/1974	34	Mary Pryor (17) and Lorraine Kelly (16) reported missing from North Bergen, NJ.
08/14/1974	34	Bodies of Mary Pryor and Lorraine Kelly are discovered raped and smothered near Montvale VA.
12/13/1974	34	Doreen Carlucci (14) and Joanne Delardo (15) disappeared from a church youth center in Woodbridge VA
12/--/1974	34	Approximately two months after the girls were abducted, their bodies were discovered in Manalapan Township, NJ. One victim was discovered completely nude, the other wearing only a sweater and shoes. The weapon, an electrical cord, was still wrapped around Doreen's neck.
05/--/1975	34	Reldan appears on David Frost's television show, <i>The Unspeakable Crime</i> . Pleads for better understanding and treatment for sex offenders.
05/30/1975	34	Reldan is once again paroled, four years after the B.M. assault. (Reldan's parole date conflicts with the possibility that he could have been involved in the murders of Mary Pryor, Lorraine Kelly, Doreen Carlucci, and Joanne Delardo.)
06/17/1975	35	Robert marries his fiancée, Judy Rosenberg. They then move to an apartment on Central Avenue in Tenafly, New Jersey
10/06/1975	35	Susan Heynes (WF, 26) vanishes from her home in Haworth, NJ.
10/09/1975	35	Susan Haynes' disappearance is noted in the evening edition of <i>The Record</i> .
10/10/1975	35	Coverage of the Heynes disappearance increases and kidnapping possibility is addressed. Heynes's old contacts in the US, Canada, England, South Africa are contacted but her whereabouts continue to be unknown.
10/14/1975	35	Susan Reeves (WF, 22) is abducted walking from the bus stop near her Demarest, NJ. Reports of a man in a maroon station wagon are reported having followed Susan Reeves. Interstate toll plaza attendant Eileen Dalton observes strange activity by a male driver around 7:30 p.m. She, and another attendant, hear a scream from the man's trunk as well as a woman yelling.
10/17/1975	35	Attendant Dalton tentatively identifies Robert Reldan as the male driver she observed after being given six mug shots of recently paroled men.
10/21/1975	35	Reldan asked to come to the police department to be questioned in regards to Reeve's and Heynes' disappearances.
10/22/1975	35	Reldan's interview is recorded, during which Reldan states that he is in a strong financial position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reldan provides specific details for many of the days surrounding the days in question, but October 06 was the only day for which he provided an alibi; the day of the Haynes disappearance. He also provided an alibi for October 14, another day in question. Upon further investigation this alibi was proven to be at least partially falsified.

		Reldan asked to complete a polygraph examination. He stated he would like to talk to his lawyer before taking a polygraph, but he never came back.
10/27/1975	35	Body of Susan Haynes is found in Rockland County, NY. She had been strangled.
10/28/1975	35	Body of Susan Reeve is found in Tallman State Park in New York. She had been strangled and raped.
10/30/1975	35	Reldan tried to break into a home in Norwood, NJ
10/31/1975	35	Reldan burglarizes a home in Closter. Police are alerted and issue a warrant for Reldan's arrest in addition to a search warrant that is issued for Reldan's car. Reldan is arrested for attempted burglary.
11/13/1975	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers execute a search on Reldan's apartment as well as his wife Judy's car. The subject of the search was jewelry taken from the bodies of the murdered women. None was found. Police did however find a California driver's license with Robert's picture and a false name. They also found several blank birth certificates, and seized Robert's address book. In Reldan's address book, Roberta Gimble's name is discovered. She is later interviewed about her relationship with Reldan.
11/--/1975	35	Reldan has access to a vacant house that belonged to his aunt, Lillian Booth. Investigators find evidence in this residence linking Susan Reeve to it, although this evidence is never utilized in court.
01/02/1976	35	Evidence found in Reldan's car linking him to the Heynes and Reeve disappearances (hair samples and scent recognition by trained dogs).
06/--/1976	36	Reldan sentenced to 2-3 years at Rahway State Prison for home burglaries.
12/--/1976	36	Reldan opens up about his involvement to the Haynes and Reeves cases to fellow inmates (Cliff and Allison Williams) also tries to get them involved in the robbery and murder of his aunt and her companion.
January, 1977	36	Reldan is indicted by a grand jury for the Reeve and Heynes murders
03/08/1977	36	Nick Gallo (an undercover police officer), going by Frank Parisi, met with Reldan where Reldan conspired to have his aunt killed for \$100,000 to \$150,000 in jewelry.
03/15/1977	36	Letter from Reldan indicates his plans for his aunt are progressing smoothly.
03/16/1977	36	Another letter from Reldan discussed progress with his lawyers and also indicated his progress towards his aunt's murder.
03/18/1977	36	Authorities place a tap on Judy Reldan's phone.
03/22/1977	36	Reldan's lawyers visit him at Trenton State Prison.
03/30/1977	36	Reldan served with an arrest warrant for conspiring to murder his aunt and her companion, Misha Dabich.
04/08/1977	36	Reldan's attorney withdraws from the case.
04/11/1977	36	Reldan sends a letter to prosecutor Kohler stating that he will continue without counsel.
04/14/1977	36	The Williams brothers (will testify against Reldan, about what Reldan said while in prison about his plans to rob and murder his aunt and her companion) were transferred for their safety to Clinton Correctional Facility in New Jersey.
04/21/1977	36	Reldan receives an indictment on 2 counts of advocating the death of his aunt, 2 counts of advocating the death of her companion, and

		1 count of conspiring to kill his aunt, Lillian Booth.
01/20/1977	36	Reldan is indicted for the felony murders of Heynes and Reeves.
01/24/1977	36	Reldan is transferred to Trenton State Prison.
02/22/1977	36	The Williams brothers agree to testify regarding Reldan's conspiracy to murder Lillian Booth.
04/10/1978	37	Jury selection begins in the <i>State of New Jersey v Robert Reldan and Albert Barber</i> trial – conspiracy to murder Lillian Booth.
04/11/1978	37	The trial begins
04/26/1978	37	Reldan found guilty on five counts for which he was indicted, and is sentenced to 20-25 years for each count.
05/24/1979	38	Trial for the murder of Susan Reeves and Susan Haynes.
06/19/1979	39	Susan Reeves and Susan Haynes murder trial declared a mistrial.
09/19/1979	39	Susan Reeves and Susan Haynes murder trial retrial. During this trial, Reldan gained Sherry Ann Stevens as a supporter
10/02/1979	39	John Truncali, owner of Cloister Jewelry, testified that Reldan attempted to sell him a woman's engagement ring that was very similar to a sketch of Heynes' ring. Charles Wolthoff would state he too had been approached to buy the ring. Chief DiLuzio states he saw Reldan's red Opel station wagon in Susan Heynes' driveway. Chief DiLuzio gave extensive testimony stating why he'd seen the vehicle and why it had taken him so long to realize its significance.
10/09/1979	39	Judge Paul Hout heard testimony from B.C. and B.M. which raised similarities to the murders through Reldan's use of a chokehold. Judge Hout allowed both women's testimony, stating that the use of force to the throat was rare enough to constitute a connection.
10/10/1979	39	Judge Paul Hout reveals that a letter was sent to a juror with \$100 along with a letter promising \$900 more if Reldan was convicted.
10/11/1979	39	Judge Hout meets with each juror to ensure they had not heard about or seen the bribery letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another bribery letter is discovered having been delivered to one of the jurors' home. • Five letters total are recovered, only two were seen by jurors.
10/15/1979	39	Reldan escapes from Bergen County police custody, but is recaptured later that day. Reldan sprayed Officer Joseph Vuocolo in the eyes with a chemical substance in order to escape, after Vuocolo neglected to frisk Reldan once he had dressed for court.
10/17/1979	39	Reldan is found guilty of second degree murder of Susan Heynes and found guilty of first degree murder of Susan Reeve.
04/08/1980	39	Relden gets indicted for his escape and other crimes committed during his escape.
04/12/1980	39	Relden is convicted on all counts for his escape.
04/19/1981	40	Sherry Ann Stevens (29) is apprehended while trying to help Reldan escape from St. Francis Emergency Room. She had in her possession a bag of extra clothing, and a loaded 20-gauge shotgun.
10/27/1981	41	Stevens pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit an escape and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, and was sentenced to 5 years with 3 years of parole ineligibility. Reldan pleaded guilty to the same two charges, and was sentenced to 15 years with 7.5 years of parole ineligibility.
05/27/1982	41	Appellate Division of the Superior Court ruled that Reldan was denied a fair trial because of Rule 55 in Reldan II case.

03/13/1986	45	The jury gives the same conviction that the original jury did for Reeves and Heynes. Two consecutive life terms, plus 30 years.
05/15/1989	48	Reldan was denied the ability to appeal his trial.
12/29/1993	53	Court rules that Reldon cannot legally change his name to Howard Beyer Junior, which is the name of the prison warden.
11/22/2007	77	Lillian Booth died of a stroke, and left some of her estate to Reldan's mother. Since his mother had already passed away, the estate passed to Reldan. Even after Reldan's conspiracy to murder his aunt, she never took any steps to ensure that he was written out of her will. Reldan inherits \$8.9 million.
04/01/2009	78	Reldan is denied parole
10/10/2010	79	Court rules Reldan must pay \$10 million to the family of Susan Reeve. The Reeve family then donated the money to Hollins University where Susan Reeve had attended college.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	8 suspected, 2 convicted, none confessed to
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	New Jersey, New York
Cities where killing occurred	North Bergen, Woodbridge, Manlapan, Montvale
Counties where killing occurred	Bergen, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Rockland
Type of killer	Serial: Enjoyment - rape
Height	6'2"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	June 2, 1940
Location	Brooklyn, New York
Birth order	1 st of 2
Number of siblings	1
XYY?	No
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Oldest
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	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Yes
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	Not available
Physically abused?	Not available
Psychologically abused?	N/A
Sexually abused?	N/A
Father's occupation	N/A
Mother's occupation	N/A
Father abused drugs/alcohol	N/A
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	N/A

Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	12 th , but was enrolled in college for a less than two years
Highest degree	High School Diploma
Grades in school	Graduated 91 st out of 128
IQ	N/A
Source of IQ information	N/A
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?	N/A – But was arrested for impersonating an officer.
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	N/A, but his jobs usually ended when he stopped coming to work.
Types of jobs worked	Series of low end jobs which generally ended when he simply stopped coming to work. Ex, worked for a while as a convenience store clerk. Also at the time of the Reeves abduction, had a self-employed construction agency.
Employment status during series	Around that time period he had been in and out of prison, so he was being supported by his aunt and his parents.
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	0 (Wife had one child before they were married named Eddie)
Lives with his children	Not available
Living with	Spouse, and possibly son of spouse
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	N/A
Abused alcohol?	N/A
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Many times, especially as a condition of probation while a juvenile.
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	Yes
Diagnosis	Revealed narcissistic personality disorder and a strong repressed hostility towards women. Had compulsive sexual behavior and was frequently manipulative.
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	Potentially.
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	8
Number of victims (confessed to)	0
Number of victims (convicted of)	2
Victim type	Young women, in their teens or early twenties.
Killer age at start of series	34 suspected, 35 confirmed
Killer age at end of series	35

Date of first kill in series	08/10/1974
Date of final kill in series	10/14/1975
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	14, 15, 15, 15, 16, 17, 22, 26
Type of victim	Stranger, victim of opportunity.
Method of killing	Typically strangulation or suffocation.
Weapon	Killer utilized items (pantyhose, electrical wires) that were already at the scene
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	Not available
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	N/A
Sex of partner	N/A
Relationship of partner	N/A
How close did killer live?	Drove to and from abductions and crime scenes, but murders generally occurred in New Jersey, around where Reldan lived.
Location of first contact	Generally, on the street or during a home invasion.
Location of killing	Not available
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?	N/A
Intentionally went out that day to kill?	N/A
Overkill?	N/A
Quick & efficient?	No – strangulation
Used blindfold?	No – but in at least one case tried to keep his victim from seeing his face by covering her face with her shirt.
Bound the victims?	Some were, like Hernandez, but some were not.
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	Yes, especially of jewelry.
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	No
Moved, hidden	Yes
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	No
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	Dumped in wooded areas, or along water (ex, along a river bed)

Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	10/31/1975
Date convicted	10/17/1979
Sentence	Two consecutive life sentences, plus 30 years
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Did serial killer confess?	No
Name and state of prison	Trenton State Prison, New Jersey
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive as of November, 2012
Cause of death	
Victim 1	
Name	Susan Heynes
Date killed	Between October 6 th and 9 th 1975
Date body was found	October 27 th 1975
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	22
How killed	Strangled
State killed	NJ
City killed	N/A
County killed	Rockland
Type of target	Stranger/opportunity
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 2	
Name	Susan Reeve
Date killed	October 14, 1975
Date body was found	October 28, 1975
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	22
How killed	Strangulation
State killed	Abducted in New York
City killed	Abducted around Demarest, kill site unknown
County killed	N/A
Type of target	Stranger/opportunity
Did killer confess to this murder?	Eventually alluded that he had committed the murder in February 2009.
Was killer convicted of this murder?	Yes
Victim 3	
Name	Mary Pryor
Date killed	Between 8/10/1974 & 8/14/1974
Date body was found	8/14/1974
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	17
How killed	Suffocation
State killed	New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in North Bergen, found in Montvale, kill site unknown

County killed	Hudson or Bergen
Type of target	Stranger-suspected she was hitchhiking
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 4	
Name	Lorraine Kelly
Date killed	Between 8/10/1974 & 8/14/1974
Date body was found	8/14/1974
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	16
How killed	Suffocation
State killed	New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in North Bergen, found in Montvale, kill site unknown
County killed	Hudson or Bergen
Type of target	Stranger-suspected she was hitchhiking
Did killer confess to this murder?	No
Was killer convicted of this murder?	No
Victim 5	
Name	Doreen Calucci
Date killed	Between 12/13/1974 & 12/27/1974
Date body was found	12/27/1974
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	14
How killed	Strangulation
State killed	New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in Woodbridge, found in Manlapan Township, kill site unknown
County killed	Middlesex or Monmouth
Type of target	Stanger
Did killer confess to the murder?	No
Was killer convicted of the murder?	No
Victim 6	
Name	Joanne Delardo
Date killed	Between 12/13/1974 & 12/27/1974
Date body was found	12/27/1974
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	15
How killed	Strangulation
State killed	New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in Woodbridge, found in Manlapan Township, kill site unknown
County killed	Middlesex or Monmouth
Type of target	Stranger
Did killer confess to the murder?	No
Was killer convicted of the murder?	No
Victim 7	
Name	Denise Evans
Date killed	Between 10/24/1975 & 10/25/1975
Date body was found	10/25/1975
Gender	Female

Race	White
Age	15
How killed	Shot execution style
State killed	Delaware or New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in Wilmington, Delaware, found in Salem County New Jersey, kill site unknown
County killed	N/A
Type of target	Stranger
Did killer confess to the murder?	No
Was killer convicted of the murder?	No
Victim 8	
Name	Carolyn Hedgepeth
Date killed	Between 10/24/1975 & 10/25/1975
Date body was found	10/25/1975
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	15
How killed	Shot execution style
State killed	Delaware or New Jersey
City killed	Abducted in Wilmington Delaware, found in Salem County New Jersey, kill site unknown
County killed	N/A
Type of target	Stranger
Did killer confess to the murder?	No
Was killer convicted of the murder?	No

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