

William K. Sapp
“The Dreaming Demon”
 Aka Bob Sapp, Robert Lancaster, Billy Lilly, William Kessler Sapp, William K. Lilly, & Billy Bob Sapp



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Date	Age	Life Event
03/22/1962	0	William Kessler Sapp, aka William Kessler Lilly was born in Springfield, OH, to Kessler B. Lilly, Sr. and Margaret Lilly.
1971	9	Sapp’s father divorced his mother. Sapp and his brother were sent to a children’s home. They later moved back in with their father and stepmother, who Sapp claimed also sexually and physically abused him.
1972	10	Children’s Services made a record about Sapp that said “he has hostility toward all women he comes in contact with.”
03/20/1980	17	Sapp was arrested in Springfield 2 days before his 18 th birthday. He was charged with cruelty to animals.
1980	17	Sapp’s mother bought him a bus ticket and told him to get out of town.
1981-1991	18-28	Lived in Florida (Jacksonville).
1981	19	Sapp was adopted by a homosexual man in Jacksonville, Florida, named Al Sapp and legally changed his last name to Sapp.
04/14/1981	19	Sapp claims this was the day he killed Shirley Ogden on West Main Street in Jacksonville, FL.
1982	20	Raped in prison, in Florida.
1988	26	Met and married Karen Sapp.
09/26/1991	29	After Sapp came back from Florida, he set a log cabin on fire, which was close to his father’s house.
08/22/1992	30	Phree Morrow (12) and Martha Leach (11) went to Schuler’s Bakery; Sapp and accomplices raped and killed the girls and hid their bodies.
08/23/1992	30	Kyle Cox and brother found the bodies of Morrow & Leach; The bodies were found by the pond behind Penn Street in Springfield, OH. Also found in a storm sewer called “The Lion’s Cage” were a bicycle, a brick, and 2 pairs of girls shorts that were cut.
08/24/1992	30	A fund was set up at Huntington National Bank for the funeral expenses of Phree

		and Martha.
08/27/1992	30	A funeral service was held for Martha Leach.
08/28/1992	30	A funeral service was held for Phree Morrow.
09/07/1992	30	Sapp moved onto Miller Street.
09/08/1993	31	Belinda Anderson went to visit her parents around 5:20 p.m. Sapp then met Anderson,, propositioned her for sex, and eventually killed Anderson on this day.
12/07/1993	31	Hazel Pearson and boyfriend were at a bar and when she got upset and left the bar, she ran into Sapp. Sapp then raped and attempted to kill Pearson.
12/08/1993	31	Pearson was found by employees in a parking lot at Clark State Community College in downtown Springfield.
02/19/1994	31	A prostitute's body was found in the woods near Sapp's house on Kinnane Street.
06/14/1995	33	Sapp gets a vasectomy so his wife can't have any more children.
07/08/1995	33	Mary Williams & Raymond Calkins found Anderson's body buried under the floor of their garage
07/17/1995	33	Belinda Anderson was given a proper burial.
02/25/1996	33	Sapp stabbed and beat Una Gail Timmons after he offered her a ride and smoked crack-cocaine with her. She was found on the side of Interstate 70.
02/27/1996	33	Sapp was arrested and plead not guilty to the Timmons charges; bond was set to \$100,000.
03/04/1996	33	Sapp was indicted on charges for the attempted murder of Una Timmons and pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.
09/09/1996	34	Sapp goes to trial for attack on Una Timmons.
09/26/1996	34	Police detectives from Jacksonville, FL came to Springfield to question Sapp about an unrelated matter and Sapp admitted to assaulting Hazel Pearson (blamed it on Bob Lancaster, a personality he said lived inside of him as well as the murder of Shirley Ogden (58). He then became a suspect in the Morrow-Leach murders; FBI DNA confirmed his involvement.
09/27/1996	34	Sapp's blood and DNA were taken and sent to the FBI to be analyzed.
04/02/1997	35	Interviewed by police from Springfield, confessed to crimes against Morrow & Leach, murder of Anderson, and attempted murder of Pearson (over the course of 18 and a half hours).
04/03/1997	35	Sapp told police that his mother scarred him with cigarettes, needles and knives; dripped candle wax on his testicles, and had sex with him. Also said she burned his hand on a stove and hit him with a frying pan.
04/07/1997	35	Count indictment, Sapp pled not guilty. Indicted for 9 counts aggravated murder (Leach, Morrow, & Anderson), 4 counts of rape, four counts of kidnapping, 3 counts of tampering with evidence, 3 counts of abuse of a corpse, 2 counts of attempted aggravated murder (Preston), and 2 counts of arson.
04/11/1997	35	It was announced that the legal team to defend Sapp would be Dennis Lieberman and Sharon Opingto. Sharon eventually asked the judge to replace her, in June 1997, because of threatening letters Sapp had sent her. She was replaced with Gary Hruska.
04/17/1997	35	Deputy Hollopeter overhears Sapp bragging to a fellow inmate about making the national news and killing 2 girls
04/18/1997	35	Sapp was arraigned by Judge Richard O' Neill.
02/26/1998	35	Steel cable used on Pearson found
04/14/1998	36	Suppression hearing started. The judge denied the motion to suppress the videotapes of Sapp's interviews by detectives in Springfield.
06/29/1998	36	Pre-trial hearing. Confessed he killed "a couple of people."
June- July/1998	36	Sapp talked to inmate Johnny Saxour and told different versions of Morrow-Leach murders.
01/22/1999	36	Dr. Nancy Schmidtgoessling, a psychologist interviewed Sapp for 2 ½ hours while he was in a "cage-like apparatus." Stated Sapp was competent to stand trial, even though he was the most difficult patient she had interviewed in 17 years.
04/26/1999	37	Judge O'Neill ruled that Sapp was competent to stand trial.

09/13/1999	37	Jury trial began
10/08/1999	37	Found guilty on 27 counts (3 murders and one attempted murder)
10/12/1999	37	Sapp had busted an ink pen open and drank all the nontoxic ink. Pens were banned from being in his cell.
10/13/1999	37	While Sapp was on high-security watch, he took a metal band off of a pencil eraser and cut his wrist. He had to get 3 stitches. Because of this, he was put in an isolation cell and was not allowed to have anything in his cell with him.
10/18/1999	37	Penalty trial began
10/21/1999	37	Given 3 death sentences and execution date was set to September 1, 2000.
11/8/1999	37	Went to Death Row
3/23/2000	38	A motion filed for Sapp, a stay of execution to appeal convictions and the death sentence
08/22/2002	40	Ten-year anniversary of Morrow & Leach's deaths
12/13/2002	40	Conviction and sentence of death affirmed.
09/28/2004	42	Submitted appeal to his conviction.
12/29/2004	42	The original judgment was affirmed.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	4 (killed)
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Ohio
Cities where killing occurred	Springfield
Type of killer	Serial killer, rapist
Height	5'8"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	March 22, 1963
Location	Springfield, OH
Birth order	Oldest
Number of siblings	2 brothers, 1 half-brother, 1 half-sister; His brother J.R. had schizophrenia, his brother Paul had been institutionalized since he was 3, his half-sister Katrina lived in OK, his half-brother Charles drowned when he was 7.
XYX?	Unknown
Raised by	Father, Mother, Stepmother
Birth category	First born
Parent's marital status	Married, Divorced in 1971
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	Children services
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	Yes, The Children's Home
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	Yes, parents
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	Yes; stepmother who he said physically and sexually abused him.
Family event	Sapp claimed that his mother had set his younger brother on fire and blamed Sapp for it. Also, his mother watched as one of his other brothers drowned.
Age of family event	Unknown
Problems in school?	Multiple teachers reported his hatred of women.
Teased while in school?	Unknown
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No

Head injury?	Said his mother hit him with a frying pan.
Physically abused?	Yes, by mother who apparently raped, scarred with cigarettes/needles/knives, and dripped hot wax on. Also abused sexually/physically by his stepmother.
Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	Yes, by mother and stepmother
Father's occupation	Employed, not known by who; brother testified their father worked 2-3 jobs at a time
Age when first had intercourse	Young, as sexually abused by his mother
Mother's occupation	Housewife, Self-Proclaimed Minister and practitioner of black witchcraft
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Yes
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	Unknown
Highest degree	Unknown
Grades in school	One of his teachers called him "extremely intelligent"
IQ	90 (lied on tests, scores ranged from 73-79)
Source of IQ information	Rothgeb (2004, pg360) Case trial; test given by Dr. Kathleen Burch
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?	Consistently could not find steady employment
Types of jobs worked	Housework; collected scrap metal and sold it to junkyards; did odd jobs for landlady
Employment status during series	Unemployment, Welfare
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married, Karen Sapp
Number of children	3 (+1 child from Karen's previous marriage)
Lives with his children	Yes (until arrested)
Living with	No one (now)
Triad	
Animal torture	Yes; killed stepson's pet rabbit; charged with cruelty to animals when he was 17.
Fire setting	Yes; set a log cabin on fire
Bed wetting	Yes
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes- crack cocaine, pills
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Not prior
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	Not prior
Diagnosis	Bipolar (manic-depressive) Disorder, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, also had an alter-ego named "Bob Lancaster", possibly 35 aliases

Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Set brother Paul on fire, murder in 1981
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes, Shirley Ogden in Florida
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	6
Number of victims (confessed to)	4
Number of victims (convicted of)	3
Victim type	Young girls, prostitute, young woman
Killer age at start of series	30
Killer age at end of series	31
Date of first kill in series	August 22, 1992
Date of final kill in series	December 7, 1993
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	12, 11, 31, 58
Type of victim	Children, prostitute, young women
Method of killing	Beat to death with weapon
Weapon	Brick, rock, knife, pipe, rebar (favorite weapon was knife)
Was gun used?	No
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	In murders of Phree Morrow and Martha Leach
Name of partner	Jamie Turner, David Marcieszewski, John Balsler, Christopher Bibbs, Wanda Marcieszewski, Ralph DePriest
Sex of partner	5 Males and 1 female
Relationship of partner	Acquaintances
Type of serial killer	"Mixed" Lust Killer
How close did killer live?	Walking distance
Location of first contact	Pond near Schuler's Bakery, near his house, near John's Bar
Location of killing	Pond near Shuler's Bakery, alley garage, dock near railroad tracks; Springfield, OH.
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted and killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	With Phree Morrow
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	Yes
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	Hid Morrow and Leach under two wooden planks and brush, hid Pearson under dock
Left at scene, buried	Buried Anderson in a garage floor
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
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	February 27, 1996
Date convicted	October 21, 1999
Sentence	Death Penalty, life imprisonment
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	In separate case
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Did serial killer confess?	Yes
Name and state of prison	Mansfield Correctional Institute, Ohio
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
Cause of death	N/A

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