Lemuel Smith



Information summarized by

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Date	Age	Life Event	
1939	Not born	Death of older brother John Jr. Died of encephalitis	
07-22-1941	0	Lemuel Smith is born in Amsterdam, NY	
1941-1953	Birth to 12	Sleeps in his parents' bed with his mother while his father is at work	
1946	5	Begs John to come back to earth	
1947	6	Received second head injury (date of first head injury is unknown)	
1947	6	The personality of "Lemo" emerges, according to Eleanor Lee.	
Summer	10	Receives head injury-fell from a tree while playing Tarzan and was	
1951		unconscious for several minutes	
1951-1958	Adolescence	Stalked, kissed, touched, and manually penetrated girls	
1952-1958	Teenager	*Receives his fourth head injury while snow sledding	
	Techagei	*Receives his fifth head injury while playing basketball	
1953	12	Refuses to attend church with his family	
1953	12	The personality of "John" emerges, according to Eleanor Lee	
December	16	Indicted for burglary of Strech's coffee shop & Richel's Confectionary	
1957		store in Amsterdam New York.	
01-21-1958	17	Murder of Dorothy Waterstreet	
01-23-1958	17	Lemuel was determined to be a suspect in the murder, and was brought in	
	17	for questioning.	
Summer	17	Moved to Schenectady NY to live with his sister Edith	
1958		<u> </u>	
July 1958	17	Edna Johnson beating	
Summer 17		Has sex with inmate Elliot	
1958	17	T 10 4 F1 I1 14 1	
01-20-59	17	Trail for the Edna Johnson assault begins	
04-12-59	17	Sentenced to maximum of 20 years by Judge Joseph Brynes	

August			
1958-	10.10		
January	18-19	In jail at the Baltimore Penitentiary	
1959			
	17.07	In prison, spands much of his time in solitons sendingered	
1959-1968	17-27	In prison, spends much of his time in solitary confinement	
1964	23	1 st eligible for parole and is denied	
Summer	23-26	*Riot at the prison	
1964-1966	23-20	*Eligible for parole 2 nd time which is also denied	
10111010		*Against his parents' wishes, Lemuel converted to Catholicism.	
1966-1968	26-28	* Appointed chaplain's assistant	
March 1967	25	Burglary charges dismissed by Judge Crangel	
Water 1707	23	*3 rd parole eligibility	
M 1070	26		
May 1968	26	*Prison Chaplin pleas for his freedom.	
		*Is approved for parole	
August 1968	27	Gets a job at a sheet metal plant	
		*kidnaps C.F.	
05-19-1969	27	*kidnaps & rapes O.P.	
		*Picked up for questioning	
		Indicted on charges of robbery, kidnapping, and possession of dangerous	
June 1969	27		
		weapon	
11-11-1969	28	Sentenced to 4-15 years for attempted rape & assault of C.F. & unlawful	
11 11 1707	20	imprisonment of O.P. by judge Archibald C. Wemple	
00 00 1071	20	Riot at Attica prison	
09-09-1971	30		
		1 st parole hearing- denied	
1973	32	parote hearing demed	
1975	34	2 nd parole hearing- denied	
1973	34		
07-21-1976	35	Kidnaps, rapes, and mutilates Maralie Wilson (WF, 30) in Schenectady,	
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		*Lemuel is spotted in the vicinity of Jay Street, where Maralie Wilson	
07-21-1976	35	worked, by patrolman Arthur Chaires	
07-21-1970	33	*Captain Schneeman requests and receives a search warrant for Lemuel's	
		apartment.	
07-22-1976	35	Body of Maralie Wilson found	
		Law passed requiring the release of an inmate after the prison had	
1976	35		
		completed double the amount of his minimum sentence	
		*Released on parole.	
		*Denied permission to apply for a motor vehicle license by parole officer	
1976	35	Joe Early	
19/0	33	*Diagnosed with Schizophrenia by Joe Early	
		*Required to undergo psych exam before he was allowed to take a driving	
		test	
		Killed Robert Hederman (WM, 48) & Margaret Byron (WF, 59) in the	
11-24-1976	35		
		back of Hederman's store in Albany, NY	
11-25-1976	35	Questioned at work regarding the Hederman/ Byron murder- claims to	
11 25 1770	33	have been with his girlfriend Jenny Healy (age 17)	
W 1075	25	Search of Lemuel's work locker by Albany Police. Found 1 grey hair	
Winter 1976	35	which is later identified as Margaret Byron's	
12-06-1976	35	Lemuel is identified in a photo line-up by Maureen Toomey	
		Joan Richburg (WF, 24) is raped, killed, and mutilated in Schenectady,	
12-23-1976	35		
10.04.107.5	25	NY	
12-24-1976	35	Joan Richburg's body is found	
December	35	Picked up for questioning in Schenectady and taken to the Loundonville	
1976	33	New York State Police barracks	
December	35	Clairvoyant Ann Fisher inspects the scene of the Hederman- Byron	
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1976		Murder		
12-26-1976	35	Interviewed in Joe Early's Madison Avenue office		
Late	33			
December	35	A hair matching a sample of Lemuel Smith's hair is found on Joan		
1976		Richburg's body		
12-23-1976	35	Lemuel Breaks into a department store and steals adhesive tape		
1977	36	Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenic by Dr. Zvi Kloplt		
1977	36	°Eleanor Lee becomes Smith's social worker		
		Diagnosed with multiple personality disorder by social worker Eleanor		
1977	36	Lee		
		Is given an EEG, which shows that there was no lasting brain damage		
1977	36	from his childhood injuries		
January 1 to		Hom his cinichood injuries		
January 10,	35	Stalks 'Denise, Beulah Southwell's granddaugher		
1977	33	Starks Denise, Denian Southwen's granddaugher		
1977		*Tries to kidnap Denise from her grandmother Beulah Southwell's store.		
01-10-1977	35	*Holds a gun to Beulah's head and threatens to kill her		
Echmiomi				
February 1977	35	Eleanor Lee submits a report saying that Lemuel is a paranoid schizophrenic		
Summer		schizophienic		
1977	36	Began stalking °April Gerace		
1977		Questioned at the detective's office in Colonia with lawyer Condy		
August 1977	36	Questioned at the detective's office in Colonie with lawyer Sandy		
_		Rosenblum present		
00 10 1077	26	*Calls April Gerace three times		
08-19-1977	36	*Kidnaps and rapes A.G. from the law office where she worked		
C		*Is arrested		
September	36	Dr. Lowell J. Levine verified that bite marks on Maralie Wilson's nose		
1977		matched a cast of Lemuel's teeth		
00 20 1077	26	* Schenectady D.A. "Skip" Warous indicted Smith for the murder of Maralie Wilson		
09-29-1977	36			
		*Eleanor Lee sends a resignation letter to the Schenectady D.A.'s office		
October	36	*Transported to Bleecker Stadium by Schenectady County Sheriff's		
1977	30	deputies for a canine identification		
		*He is identified by the dog 3 times		
07-17-1978	36	Lemuel Smith went on trial at the Schenectady Courthouse before Judge		
07 21 1079	36	George Strobel without a jury present		
07-21-1978	30	Lemuel is found guilty of robbery and the 2 nd degree kidnapping of A.G. *It is reported that Lemuel Smith attempted suicide.		
08-30-1978	37			
		*John decides to punish Lemuel by killing him Confesses to the five murders at the New York Police Academy to DA		
03-05-1978	36	Confesses to the five murders at the New York Police Academy to DA		
		Joe Carry September 10, 20 years for the Pane of A.G. by County Judge Lorren		
03-09-1978	36	Sentenced to 10-20 years for the Rape of A.G. by County Judge Lorren		
		N. Brown		
01-05-1979	37	Trial date set for case of the murders of Margaret Byron and Robert		
		Hederman by Judge John Clyne		
02-02-1979	37	Found guilty of four counts of 2 nd degree murder and on one count of		
		robbery		
02-20-1979	37	Judge John Clyne sentenced Lemuel Smith to 2 consecutive life sentences		
G.,	20	of 25 years to life		
Spring 1981	Spring 1981 38 Lemuel begins fixating on prison guard Donna Payant			
05 15 1001	20	Rapes and kills corrections officer Donna Payant (WF, 31) in the		
05-15-1981	38	Chaplin's office of Green Haven Correctional Facility and disposes of her		
05.16.1001	20	body		
05-16-1981	38	Donna Payant's body is found at the Amenia Landfill		
01-20-1983	41	Trial begins in Poughkeepsie New York		

03-09-1983	41		testifies that the bite marks on Donna Payant's body match ental pattern and the marks on Maralie Wilson's body
March 1983	41	Found quilty	y of 1 st degree murder
06-07-1983	41		Court of Appeals rejected Smith's appeal of his guilty verdict
06-10-1983	41	Sentenced to	
	41	Sentenced to	J death
June 19, 1983-			
	41-42	On death ro	W
August 20, 1983			
08-20-1984	12	Daviancel of	the death penalty and re-sentenced to 4 th life sentence
	43		
2029	88	Eligible for	Parole
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General Info		Name Cham	ged by the original author
	rmation		
Sex			Male
Race			African American
Number of			6
	here killing occur		United States
	re killing occurred	l	New York
Type of kil	ler		Psychotic
Height			6'2
Childhood In	formation		
Date of birth			July 22, 1941
Location			Amsterdam, New York
Birth order			4 th of 4
			3, Brother John died shortly after birth
Number of siblings XYY?			No
Raised by			Both parents
Birth category			Youngest
Parent's marital status			Married
Family eve			Death of older brother before his birth
Age of fam			Not Born
Problems in			None until Dot Waterstreet murder
	ile in school?		No
Physically			Yes
Physical de			No
			No No
Speech defect?			Five
Head injury?			First no name or description
			Second: Age 6-No description
			Third: Age 10-Fell from a tree while playing Tarzan
			Fourth: Snow sledding, no age given
Physically abused?			Fifth: Teenager, injured while playing basketball Social worker claims Lemuel Smith received corporal
Physically abused?			
			punishment; Investigator Robert Gannon finds no proof of
Psychologically abused?			abuse.
r sychologicany abuseu?			Gannon claims that Lemuel Smith was psychologically
			abused by his father in the form of constant sermons
			Told by mother if he was bad Indians would come and take
Convelle characte			him away
Sexually abused?			No
Father's oc	cupation		Night shift porter for the General Electric Plant in
Ĺ			Schenectady

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Killer age at start of series 17	Number of victims	6
	Victim type	No one type
Gender of victims One male, five females		17
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Race of victims	White
Age of victims	24, 30, 31, 48, 59
Method of killing	Stabbed and/or strangled his victims
Type of serial killer	psychotic
How close did killer live?	Walking distance
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer brought with him
Behavior During Crimes	Kiner brought with him
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	No No
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	No No
Quick & efficient?	No No
	No No
Used blindfold?	
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Yes
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	Yes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes, with the exception of Donna Payant
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	Yes in the case of Donna Payant
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	August 19, 1977
Date convicted	February 20, 1979
Sentence	Two life sentences, with a third added later, sentenced to
	death after Donna Payant murder, however, the ruling was
	overturned and Smith was given a fourth life sentence
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Name and state of prison	Green Haven Correctional Facility, New York
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
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