

**Robert Spahalski**  
*"Bruce"*



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Life Event</b>
12/12/1954	0	Born in Elmira, New York
July, 1971	15	Robert is charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after being stopped by police in Elmira
August, 1971	15	Charged with felony arson after police say he set fire to a stage curtain and flag at an Elmira school
October, 1971	15	Ordered to serve 15 weekends in jail after he pleads guilty to unauthorized use of the stolen vehicle in July
11/24/1971	15	Ronald Ripley is found murdered in his Elmira Heights, NY store. Robert's brother, Stephen, later confesses to the murder.
December 1971	17	Plead guilty to a criminal trespass charge after he returns to a business in Elmira when he knew he was not allowed on the premises
July, 1973	19	Found guilty of taking about \$3,000 in cash and equipment from a music store in Elmira. He is sentenced to up to five years in prison
September, 1975	21	Released from prison
July, 1976	22	Charged with third-degree burglary after breaking into a high school in Elmira. He is convicted and sentenced to two to five years at Auburn Correctional Facility
July, 1978	24	One of the Spahalski brothers hid in the false bottom of an Army truck that was being sent to a government agency. Prison officials had reason to believe one of the twins was in the truck, but he evaded officers when he ran into a vocational auto body shop at the prison, where both brothers worked. Officers could not prove which brother it was
November, 1979	25	Released from Auburn Correctional Facility.
08/04/1980		Hired by the city of Rochester as a mechanic's helper
July, 1981	26	Charged with theft after police say he and an accomplice, Roger E. Saxbury, 35, stole a coin collection valued at \$15,000
August, 1981	26	Plead guilty to stealing the coin collection and is sentenced to two to five years at Attica Correctional Facility
09/01/1984	30	Began prison term in Attica for the theft of the coin collection
12/26/1984	30	Released from prison and moved to Rochester, NY

07/29/1987	33	Enters state prison in Attica after being convicted of attempted burglary in Monroe County
02/08/1989	34	Released from prison
12/31/1990	35	Killed Moraine Armstrong in her apartment with electrical cord
07/21/1991	36	Adrian Berger, Spahalski's girlfriend, found dead in her Rochester, NY apartment.
September, 1991	36	Spahalski and another man are arrested in Gates on charges they robbed a Salvation Army employee at gunpoint
10/02/1991	36	Spahalski beats to death Charles Grande of Webster, then steals money and Grande's car. As he drives around Rochester that night in the company of a prostitute, he is stopped by police. He pretends he is Grande and is allowed to drive off
1991	36	Spahalski begins dating Christine Gonzales, a relationship that will last until 2005.
December, 1991	37	The robbery-related charges are dismissed after a grand jury declines to indict Spahalski
August, 1992	37	Sometime subsequent to Grande's death, he had been identified as the man driving Grande's car and charged with impersonating him. Spahalski is charged with criminal impersonation but is acquitted at trial
11/04/2005	50	Murders Vivian Irizarry. Walks up to the front desk at the Rochester Public Safety Building and tells officers he has killed a woman.
11/08/2005	50	Vivian's body is found.
11/09/2005	50	Spahalski is charged with murder of Irizarry as well as the 1991 murder of Grande. Spahlaski confesses to four murders.
11/02/2006	51	Spahalski's murder trial begins.
12/12/2006	52	Sentencing hearing held and sentenced to 100 years in prison
12/21/2006	52	Spahlaski begins prison sentence at Great Meadow

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	4 suspected, 4 convicted, 4 confessed to
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	New York
Cities where killing occurred	Rochester, Elmira Heights, Webster
Type of killer	Disorganized
Height	6'3"

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	12/12/1954
Location	Elmira, New York
Birth order	1 of 2 (twins)
Number of siblings	1
XXY?	No
Raised by	Raised by mother
Birth category	Twin
Parent's marital status	Single
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 live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	Parents divorced when he was 12
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Set fire to his school
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No

Head injury?	None
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	?
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Not that I found
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	Graduated high school
Highest degree	High school Diploma
Grades in school	Not much information on his school life
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
<b>Work History</b>	
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	
Employment status during series	
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Bi-sexual
Marital status	Long term girlfriend
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	
Living with	Girlfriend
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	No
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	None
Diagnosis	None
<b>Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes he had many run ins with the law, for crimes like for such things as burglary, arson, and criminal trespass. He faced arson charges in 1971. In 1992 he was charged with criminal impersonation but was acquitted.
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No

<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	4
Victim type	Prostitute, drug dealer, family, neighbors, young women
Killer age at start of series	35
Date of first kill in series	12/31/1990
Date of final kill in series	11/04/2005
Gender of victims	3 women, 1 man
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Vivian Irizarry, 54 Adrian Berger 35, Charles Grande, Moraine Armstrong 24
Type of victim	Friends (drug addict friends, former girlfriends), male prostitute clients, (he worked as a male prostitute
Method of killing	Strangulation, blunt force trauma
Weapon	Found at the scene of crime, or just used his hands
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Disorganized Thrill
How close did killer live?	Walking distance
Location of first contact	Neighbor of where victim lived
Location of killing	Victim's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed at contact
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes. Spahalski mostly strangled his victims, but he would also beat his victims either with his hands or a blunt instrument. His most recent victim he beat till she convulsed and then he strangled her.
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	
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	No
<b>Disposal of Body</b>	
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
<b>Sentencing</b>	
Date killer arrested	November of 2005
Date convicted	December of 2007
Sentence	100 Years
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	Initially but then changed his defense strategy
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Did serial killer confess?	Yes
Name and state of prison	New York State Prison
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	
Cause of death	

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