

Gerald Eugene Stano



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Date	Age	Life Event
09-12-1951	0	Born in Schenectady, New York. Mother had 4 children before him, all who she gave up for adoption. After him she had another child, girl, who had brain damage. She kept the girl and gave Stano away.
N/A	13 months	Was assessed by a team of psychologists, physicians, and social workers to not be fit for adoption due to such severe neglect. - was functioning at animalistic level - would play with his own feces
	19 months	Adopted by Eugene and Norma Stano. His name was changed from Paul to Gerald Eugene Stano. - Norma was a social worker and Eugene was a Manager for a large corporation
N/A		Wet the bed until around age 10
N/A		During adolescence was reported to have trouble relating to kids his age and typically stayed to his self. During this time he was the target for bullies and girls made fun of him.
1965-66	14-15	Arrested for falsely sounding a fire alarm, and then for throwing rocks at cars from a highway bridge.
N/A	15	Enrolled in military school by parents to try and fix his problems. It failed and he started stealing money from fellow his peers.
1967	16	Family moved to Norristown, PA. Started skipping school and stealing money from his family and peers.
1968-1971	17-20	Continued stealing money from friends and family. Paid track team to run behind him so he could finish first. Paid them with money he stole from his dad. Repeatedly failed classes in high school. Repeated at least three grade levels.
1972-1973	21	Received high school diploma. Soon after he enrolled himself in a computer school and moved into a hotel. Graduated and started working at a local hospital but fired shortly after for stealing money from co-workers. Then moved back in with parents after moving from job to job.
Early 1970's		Moved to New Jersey and met a retarded girl. Started dating her and got her pregnant. Father came after him with a gun and demanded he pay for an abortion. He agreed, after which he started heavy drinking and drug use. Later his parents wanted him to move to Ormond Beach, FL so they could take care of his grandmother. So he moved to FL. While in FL moved from job to job. Mostly was fired for being late or stealing.

03-21-1973	21	Janine Ligotino (WF, 19) and Ann Arceneaux (WF, 17) stabbed to death in Gainesville, Florida
09-06-1973	21	Barbara Anne Bauer (WF, 17) strangled to death in New Smyrna Beach, FL
1974	23	Continued alcohol and drug abuse. Job hopped, usually fired for tardiness, theft, or not showing up.
01-19-1974	24	Cathy Lee Scharf (WF, 17) strangled to death in Brevard County, FL
1974		Barbara Ann Baur and a unidentified woman found dead
1975	25	Stopped using drugs and drinking. Started dating a 22 year old hairstylist.
01-03-1975	25	Nancy Jean Heard (WF, 24) strangled to death in Port Orange, FL
05-15-1975	25	Diana Lynn Valleck (WF, 18) is shot to death in Tampa, FL
06-10-1975	25	Susan Basile (WF, 12) is strangled to death in Port Orange, FL
06-21-1975	25	Married the hair stylist he was dating.
07-22-1975	25	Linda Hamilton (WF, 16) found drowned to death
12-17-1975	26	Emily Branch (WF, 21) is found dead
12-20-1975	26	Susan Bickrest (WF, 24) is strangled to death in Volusia County, FL
December of 1975	26	Began drinking heavily again and physically abusing his wife.
Jan 1976		Nancy Heard found dead
02-10-1976	26	Bonnie Jean Hughes (WF, 34) is bludgeoned to death in Polk County, FL
05-30-1976	26	Cheryl Ramona Neal (WF, 18) found dead.
June of 1976	26	Wife files for divorce. He moves back in with his parents and a month later the court grants his wife the divorce.
Dec 1976		Susan Bickrest found dead
09-28-1977	27	Joan Gail Foster (WF, 18) is shot to death in Pasco County, FL
11-11-1977	27	Mary Kathleen Muldoon (WF, 23) found shot to death in Daytona Beach, FL
08-05-1978	27	Sandra Dubose (WF, 34) is shot to death in Brevard County
1978		Bonnie Hughes, Diana Valleck, Emily Branch, Christina Goodson, Phoebe Winston, Joan Foster, Susan Basile, and Sandra Dubose found dead.
03-27-1979	27	Phoebe Winston (WF, 25) is shot to death in Polk County, FL
04-15-1979	27	Christine Goodson (BF, 17) is killed in Pinellas County, FL
12-11-1979	28	Dorothy Williams (WF, 17) found stabbed to death in Tampla, FL
02-16-1980	28	Toni Van Haddocks (WF, 26) goes missing
02-17-1980	28	Mary Carol Maher (WF, 20) found stabbed at Daytona Airport
03-25-1980	28	Donna Hensley identifies Stano as having stabbed her. -report made at Daytona Beach Police Dept. -she was picked up by a guy in a red gremlin -he cut her thigh in hotel room when she insisted he pay up front for sex. She received 27 stitches. After cutting her he berated her for being a prostitute. -officer spotted the car near crime scene, ran the tags, and it came back that Stano was the owner. -he had a wrap sheet already, was the prime suspect in several assaults on prostitutes and was positively ID by the victim
04-01-1980	28	Police bring Stano in for questioning relating to a attack on a prostitute. During this interrogation Stano confessed to assaulting the prostitute. Later during this same interrogation he confessed to the murder of Mary Carol Maher. - stabbed Maher because she rejected his sexual advances - stabbed her repeatedly in the chest and then in the back for messing up his car by bleeding on it - her body is found posed, lying on her back and covered with branches

		Signed a confession to her murder, was charged with 1 st degree murder, and put in jail.
04-15-1980		Toni Van Haddock's body is found near Daytona Beach. She had been stabbed multiple times in the head
05-09-1980		Stano confessed to the murder of Toni Van Haddock
09-02-1981	30	Stano pleads guilty to the murders of Mary Carol Maher, Toni Van Haddocks, and Nancy Heard and is sentenced to life in prison. Stano also admits to murdering Ramona Neel, Lynda Hamilton, and the unidentified victim but is not charged for these three murders
1982		While he is in Florida State Prison. Becomes angry he didn't receive enough attention for his murders and confesses to more—Scharf, Bickrest, Muldoon, Ligotino, Arceneau, Baur, unidentified woman, Hughes, Valleck, Branch, Goodson, Winston, Foster, Basile, DuBose, and Williams.
June 8, 1983		Pleads guilty to Bickrest and Muldoon deaths. Waived right to trial. The same judge as before sentenced him to death.
Sept. 1983		Convicted of Cathy Lee Sharf's murder. Given death penalty by jury. Confesses to more victims over the next three years, but it is not known if they are all true or just ones he heard of. No further charges filed
1985		Conviction and sentence were confirmed on appeal
May 22, 1986		Death warrant signed, he appeals
July, 1986	34	Granted a stay of execution.
June 4, 1987	36	Second death warrant signed, he appeals. Execution date set for August 26, 1987.
August 22, 1987	35	Stano files for Writ for Habeas Corpus. Claimed ineffective counsel. Granted a stay of execution. Lost the appeal.
1997	45	Third death warrant signed by Governor of Florida. Date set for April 29, 1997
March, 1997	45	Files third appeal, again related to his counsel. Execution pushed back to May 30, 1997. Before his execution the electric chair malfunctions during the execution of Pedro Media. Courts had to stay Stano's execution until issues concerning the electric chair were resolved.
March 23, 1998	46	Sentenced to death by the electric chair. Confessed to 41 victims.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	Confessed to 41
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Florida
Type of killer	Organized lust
Height	6'2", 200lbs.

Childhood Information

Date of birth	September 12, 1951
Location	Schenectady, New York
Birth order	5 th of 6
Number of siblings	5
XYX?	Unknown
Raised by	Foster parents
Birth category	Next to youngest
Parent's marital status	Single
Family event	Given away by mother

Age of family event	Less than a year old
Problems in school?	Yes
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	Short and pudgy
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	None
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	Serious neglect as a baby
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Manager for a large corporation
Age of first sexual experience	19-23
Age when first had intercourse	19-23
Mother's occupation	Social Worker
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Yes
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	12
Highest degree	Computer vocational school
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	Unknown
Work History	
Served in the military?	No (military school)
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?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Hospital, short order cook
Employment status during series	Employed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Hetero
Marital status	Divorced
Number of children	1 (abortion)
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Self
Triad	
Animal torture	Killed ex-wife's dog
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	Yes
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Unknown
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	No

Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	Unknown
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Confessed to 41, 23 suspected, 10 convicted
Victim type	Prostitute, hitch-hikers, runaways
Killer age at start of series	21
Gender of victims	Females
Race of victims	21 White and 2 African American
Age of victims	12, 16, 17(5), 18(3), 19, 20(2), 21, 23, 24(2), 25, 26, 34(2), 38
Method of killing	Stabbed (5), strangled (5), shot (6), bludgeoned (1), drowned (1)
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer brought with him, knife he kept in his car
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
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?	Yes
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	Covered with branches
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Covered with branches
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	April 1, 1980
Date convicted	September 2, 1981
Sentence	Death, life, 25 years
Killer executed?	Yes
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/a
Name and state of prison	Florida State Prison
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	March 23, 1998

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This is a reminder that: Aaron Guerrieri, did not contribute basically anything to the timeline or group. He just sent me an email tonight, April 24, with links to websites only. That is all he has done for the whole semester.

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