

Stephen Gerald James Wright
“Ipswich Strangler”



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Date	Age	Life Event
04/24/1958	0	Born in the Norfolk village of Erpingham, England. He was the second of four children.
1965	7	Mother abandons Stephen when she runs off with a lover.
1974	16	Left high school with no qualifications
1979	20	Married first wife Angela O'Donovan
1982	24	Started working as a steward on QE2 cruise liner
1983	25	First son, Michael, born
1987	29	First marriage broke up, moved in with father and step-mother
August 1987	29	Married second wife Diane Cassell. Marriage lasted less than a year. Diane reported Wright was very violent with her and repeatedly committed adultery.
1988	30	In Norwich, Wright served as the landlord of the Ferry Boat Inn for five months.
1989	31	Moved to Chislehurst, Kent and began dating Sarah Whiteley
1992	34	Wright and Sarah Whiteley give birth to a daughter.
1993	35	Wright and Whiteley split up. Wright attempts suicide.
1998	40	Wright sees his daughter at a school play. This is the first time he has seen her since he and Whiteley split up in 1993.
1999	41	Wright moves to Thailand and marries a local girl, Somchit Chomphusaeng. After two weeks, Wright returned to England and his mother sent Somchit a letter stating that Wright had been stabbed to death.
2000	42	Second attempt of suicide by overdose of pills
2002	44	Wright and current partner, Pamela Wright, moved into a home together in south-central Ipswich. She became his “common law” wife and adopted his surname
May 2005	47	Lost his driver's license after multiple speeding citations
2005	47	Mother visits Wright after not seeing him for 40 years. This angers him and some believe this anger is what started his killing of women.
10/30/2006	48	Tania Nicol (19), Wright's first victim, is reported as missing.
11/15/2006		Gemma Adams is reported as missing.
12/02/2006		Body of Gemma Adams (25) is found in the Belfast Brook at Hintlesham.
12/03/2006		Anneli Alderton disappears.

12/08/2006		Annette Nicholls is last seen.
12/08/2006		Body of Nicol found in the Belstead Brook at Copdock.
12/10/2006		Paula Clennel is last seen.
12/10/2006		Body of Anneli Alderton (24) is found in the woods at Nacton.
12/12/2006		Bodies of Paula Clennell (24) and Annette Nicholls (29) are found in the woods at Levington.
12/19/2006		Wright is arrested
12/23/2006		Wright is formally charged with the deaths of the five prostitutes who were killed between October 29, 2006 and December 13, 2006
05/01/2007	49	Wright enters a plea of not guilty.
01/14/2008		Wright's trial begins.
02/21/2008	49	Jury finds Wright guilty of all five murders.
02/22/2008		Judge sentences Wright to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	5
Country where killing occurred	England
States where killing occurred	
Cities where killing occurred	Ipswich, Suffolk
Type of killer	Organized/ Power/ Control Seeker
Height	N/A

Childhood Information

Date of birth	April 24, 1958
Location	Norfolk village of Erpingham
Birth order	2
Number of siblings	4
XYX?	No
Raised by	Both parents until they divorced; once his mother abandoned him, he did not get along well with his father's new wife and went to live with his grandmother
Birth category	Middle child
Parent's marital status	Divorced
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?	Yes, Grandmother
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	Yes, for a while after his father remarried
Family event	Mother abandoned the family to be with her lover
Age of family event	7
Problems in school?	Yes
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Average
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	Not sure
Physically abused?	Yes
Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	Yes
Father's occupation	Corporal in Royal Air Force (RAF)
Age of first sexual experience	N/A
Age when first had intercourse	N/A
Mother's occupation	Housewife

Father abused drugs/alcohol	N/A
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	N/A
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	Age 16 when left school
Highest degree	Some high school, but no degree
Grades in school	Left high school with no qualifications
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Merchant Navy
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, fired from Brook Hotel for stealing money
Types of jobs worked	Worked as dock worker, steward on QE2, lorry driver, barman, and fork-lift driver
Employment status during series	Working as forklift driver
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Divorced but was living with current wife
Number of children	2 children with first wife then a daughter with barmaid girlfriend in 1992
Lives with his children	No, but his current partner's child stayed with them for a while
Living with	"Common law" wife Pamela Wright
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	no
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Became heavy drinker
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	N/A
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, convicted of stealing 80 pounds while working at a bar at the Brook Hotel. He lost his driver's license in May 2005 for speeding offenses
Spend time in jail?	Not sure
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Still being investigated for other murders and disappearances, former prostitute claimed to be attacked by him in the 1980s.
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Five
Victim type	Prostitute/heroin-addicts

Killer age at start of series	48
Date of first kill in series	First victim (Tania Nicol) went missing on October 30, 2006; first victim (Gemma Adams) found on December 2, 2006
Date of final kill in series	Final two victims (Paula Clennell and Annette Nicholls) found on December 12, 2006
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Gemma Adams (25), Tania Nicol (19), Anneli Alderton (24), Paula Clennell (24), Annette Nicholls (29)
Type of victim	Prostitute/heroin-addicts
Method of killing	Strangulation
Weapon	None
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	Never proven, but possible. One body was found way off the road with no signs of dragging, possibly had someone help carry the body
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Organized, possibly visionary, but definitely power seeking
How close did killer live?	In same town (Ipswich)
Location of first contact	On the street in the "red light district". He had previous contact with all 5 girls before because they were prostitutes
Location of killing	All victims were killed somewhere else but were transported to the location where they were found
Killing occurred in home of victim?	N/A
Killing occurred in home of killer?	N/A
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	All victims were determined missing beforehand but not sure if they were killed immediately
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Not sure
Used blindfold?	Not sure
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No, none of the women were sexually assaulted. They were all prostitutes and he had had contact with all the women prior to their death.
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	2 of the bodies were found in the cruciform position
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	All women were found naked, their clothing was found separate
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	

Left at scene, no attempt to hide	All 5 victims were found at the scene but not sure if they were killed there or moved there afterwards
Left at scene, hidden	Not hidden, found in the woods
Left at scene, buried	Not buried
Moved, no attempt to hide	One body was found a ways off the road but there was no sign of dragging, possibly to believe that someone helped him carry her
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, to home	No all bodies were found in the woods
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	December 19, 2006
Date convicted	February 22, 2008
Sentence	Found guilty of all 5 murders, term of life imprisonment without parole
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, he pleaded innocent and never confessed, even after being found guilty
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Did serial killer confess?	No, not even after being found guilty
Name and state of prison	Belmarsh Prison in southeast London
Killer committed suicide?	He attempted 2 times prior to murders
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	He is still alive today

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