

## Alton Coleman



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Date	Age	Life Event
11-6-55	0	Born in Waukegan, IL. Mother dumped him in a garbage can when he was born.
1960	5	Caught stealing a watch off a man his mother was having sex with for money.
	Teens	First noticed by police when he was picked up for breaking windows. Belonged to a street gang.
	14	Dropped out of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade
1972	16	Charged with burglary.
1973	17	Convicted of disorderly contact after his mother wouldn't buy him a \$6 jacket.
1973	17	He and an accomplice kidnapped, raped and robbed a 54 yr old woman. He was acquitted of rape because the woman wouldn't testify but served two years for the robbery
1975	19	Arrested for another rape, was acquitted of the rape, served time for a lesser charge.
1980	25	Arrested for an attempted rape. Charge was dismissed.
1982	27	Suspect in knife-point rape and strangulation of 15 yr old girl.
1983	28	Accused of raping his 8 yr old niece. Charge was dismissed.
1983	28	Met Deborah Brown, who would become his girlfriend and partner.
1984	28	Indicted for knifepoint rape and murder of a Chicago girl; he fled.
5-1984	28	Strangled to death 9 year old girl – was not charged.
6/18/84	28	Strangled to death and beat 7 year old girl.
6/18/84	28	Beat and choked 9 year old girl, left her to die, but she lived.
6-1984	28	Kidnapped 28 year old woman – warrant issued but not prosecuted.
6/28/84	28	Invaded home of elderly couple in Michigan – charged but not prosecuted.
6/30/84	28	Kidnapped 25-year old man and his neighbor in Michigan. A warrant issued but he was not prosecuted.
7/6/84	28	Strangled and killed 30-year old woman and her 10-year old daughter in Ohio. The charges were dropped after Coleman was sentenced to die for another Ohio case.
7/7/84	28	Invaded the home of an elderly couple in Ohio. He was charged but never prosecuted.
7/11/84	28	Found 25-year old woman strangled to death in Indiana, she was last seen with Coleman and Brown on June 19.
7/13/84	28	Beat an elderly couple in their home in Ohio, woman died, man suffered brain damage.
7/16/84	28	Kidnapped a professor in Kentucky, locked him in the trunk of his car, then drove the car to Ohio.

7/17/84	28	Invaded the home of an elderly couple in Ohio – was not prosecuted.
7/17/84	28	Invaded the home of another elderly couple in Ohio – was not prosecuted.
7/19/84	28	Body of 15-year old girl found in an abandoned building in Ohio, she was last seen with Coleman and Brown on July 11.
7/19/84	28	Body of 79-year old male found in a ditch in Indiana, had been shot 4 times and stabbed; case was not pursued.
7/20/84	28	Coleman and his partner, Denise Brown, were arrested in Evanston, Illinois.
06/85	29	Convicted and sentenced to death.
08/03/94	38	Final appeal of death sentence denied by the State of Ohio.
10/15/01	45	U.S. Supreme Court denied Coleman's request for an appeal.
4/26/02	46	Executed by lethal injection at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	African-American
Number of victims	8
Country where killing occurred	USA
States where killing occurred	Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois
Type of killer	Disorganized Thrill/Lust
Height	N/A

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	November 6, 1955
Location	Waukegan, Illinois
Birth order	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 5
Number of siblings	4
XYY?	N/A
Raised by	Grandmother / Mother some
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Never married
Family event	Didn't know his father
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Yes
Teased while in school?	Yes, called "pissy" because he wet his pants
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	N/A
Head injury?	N/A
Physically abused?	Yes
Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	Yes
Father's occupation	N/A
Age of first sexual experience	Teens
Age when first had intercourse	Teens
Mother's occupation	Prostitute
Father abused drugs/alcohol	N/A
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Yes

### Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	8 <sup>th</sup>
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	Below average – mildly retarded

### 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?	N/A
Types of jobs worked	Nursing Home (Only job and only worked for 2 months)
Employment status during series	Unemployed
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Bisexual
Marital status	Divorced – married teenage sweetheart, she abandoned him
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	
Living with	Girlfriend
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	Yes
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Smoked marijuana occasionally
Abused alcohol?	Drank occasionally
Been to a psychologist?	Only in prison
Time in forensic hospital?	N/A
Diagnosis	
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	8
Victim type	random
Killer age at start of series	28
Gender of victims	Male and female
Race of victims	Mostly African-American
Age of victims	Varied; 7 – 79
Method of killing	Strangulation, Stabbed, Shot, Beaten
Type of serial killer	Disorganized
How close did killer live?	Far away, traveled to different states
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Sometimes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Gun, Knife, Rope, Soda bottle
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Yes

Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Sometimes
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?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Sometimes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Sometimes
Left at scene, hidden	Sometimes
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Sometimes
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July 20, 1984
Date convicted	June 1985
Sentence	Death (in 3 states – Ohio, Indiana, Illinois)
Killer executed?	Yes – Lethal Injection
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Name and state of prison	Ohio's Mansfield Correctional Institution
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	April 26, 2002

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