

Brian James Dugan



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Date	Age	Life Event
09/23/1956	0	Born to James and Geneveive Dugan, in Nashua, New Hampshire
1967	11	Family moved to village of Lisle in DuPage County, Illinois.
01/32/1972	15	Arrested for burglary and put under court supervision.
1972		Family moved to Batavia, a Chicago suburb on the border or DuPage and Kane Counties.
		Enrolled in high school.
		Made ward of Kane County court
		Juvenile complaint for trespassing and also suspected of a home burglary. Kane County court sent him to Kane County Youth Home in Batavia
		Family moved to east side of Aurora, IL.
12/15/1972	16	Released from a youth home. Three days later he and a friend robbed a Kentucky Fried Chicken of over \$4,000. The two then went to Iowa and committed burglaries in Dubuque County.
12/28/1972	16	Police arrested Brian and his friend. They both confessed
02/19/1973	16	K.D Waldo Middle school Break in. Brian confessed to the burglary
04/12/1973	16	Brian quit school.
04/?/1974	16	Committed break in at the Twirly-Top. Also attacked young girl in Lisle.
		Arrested two times in Aurora, first for gasoline theft then for burglary. The gasoline theft complaint was dropped due to the fact the witness was a no show. Probation was given to Brian in result of the home burglary.
08/04/1974	17	Arrested while sniffing paint and resisted arrest by kicking off officers. Charges for this included resisting an officer, criminal damage to property, aggravated battery and unlawful use of an intoxicating substance.
		Fled to California before doing time for the previous charges. There, Brian and his friend served 30 days in jail for petty theft, possession of fireworks and narcotics paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis.
		After they were released Brian and his friend were arrested again for possession of Valium and marijuana, as well as for disorderly conduct. Brian was not charged because he used a fake name

Early 1975	18	Returned to Illinois
		Attacked his sister and spent a few days in jail.
		Arrested for bringing hunting knife in hospital
		Lived with sister Hilary in DuPage County town of Villa Park
		Set fire to elementary school
		Threatened sister Hilary and her child. Brian also kicked out her headlights to her car.
03/05/1976	19	Arrested for the elementary school arson.
		Brian pleaded guilty to the fire to the school but the other charges (burglary, battery, assault and criminal damage to property) were dropped. He received a sentence of one to three years but served less than seven months.
01/30/1977	21	Brian broke into two churches in Aurora
		Brian pleaded guilty to the two church burglaries and did six months in jail when the actual sentence was two to six years.
09/19/1977	21	Brian was paroled
09/30/1978	22	Broke into same high school he broke into in 1975- case was a year long
04/19/1979	22	While the breaking and entering case was still happening Brian was charged with having a 14-year-old girl who had run away living in his house, and also charged with another Aurora burglary.
		Served 3 years in jail
07/13/1982	26	Paroled
1982	26	Released from Menard Correctional Center, later broke parole and went to Joliet Center
07/23/1982	26	Attacked woman in Aurora, woman got away.
		Charges dropped when brother was an alibi
02/25/1983		Just six months after being released from Joliet Correctional Center Dugan allegedly abducted, raped, and murdered 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico
Late Spring 1984	27	Dugan was released from Jail on a recognizance bond that was related with another felony burglary charge
07/15/1984	27	Dugan sideswiped 27-yr-old Donna Schnorr (a nurse). Forced her car off the road, tied her up, raped her, and then murdered her.
05/06/1985		Brian Dugan abducts, rapes, and lets a 21 year old female go
05/28/1985		He attempts to kidnap a 19 year old female but she gets away, she saw his license plate and reported it to authorities, but authorities did not check on the call until later.
05/29/1985		Dugan kidnaps and rapes a 16-year-old girl, He gives her his name the girl is too frightened to report the incident until some time has passed and by then she can only recall his first name and last initial.
		Kidnapped 7-year-old Melissa Ackerman, raped her and suffocated her by drowning her. He then tried to get her friend who had been with her at the time, but she escaped.
06/03/1985		Dugan was arrested
Nov 1985		Pleaded guilty to the murders of 7-year-old Samonauk girl Melissa Ackerman, and 27-year-old nurse from Kane County, Donna Schnorr.
11/19/1985		Brian Dugan was sentenced to two life sentences plus 215 years
Nov 1985		Dugan's lawyers offered a hypothetical confession to the murder of Jeanine Nicarico on behalf of Dugan if he did not receive death penalty. Due to misstatements of Dugan regarding the events that took place that day the Judge denied the offer
11/25/1985		Begins serving his sentence at the Pontiac (IL) Correctional Facility.
07/30/1987		Brian Dugan is stabbed 30 times while in the Pontiac Correctional Facility.
09/04/1987		When Dugan took the stand he for a second time, he refused to testify for the murder of Jeanine Nicarico without being promised immunity by the court
Jan 1995		After two other men had been convicted and sentenced to death row for the

		murder of Jeanine Nicarico, DNA excluded them from the murder, however it did not exclude Brain Dugan and was reported that only 3 in 10,000 men (one of which was Dugan) possess that DNA
11/15/2002		Authorities in DuPage County disclose new DNA information that is more accurate than the tests before that match Dugan to the rape and murder of Jeanine Nicarico .
Jan. 2005	47	Dugan was charged with the murder of Jeanine Nicarico
Jan 2008		The trial for the murder of Jeanine Nicarcio was pushed back till march
March 2008		Case could be pushed back as late as next fall
11/18/2008	50	Brian Dugan's trial for the murder of Jeanine Nicarico is still pending...

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	3
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Illinois
Cities where killing occurred	Chicago suburbs, La Salle County, DuPage County
Type of killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
Height	5'11"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	September 23, 1956
Location	Nashua, New Hampshire
Birth order	2 nd child of 5 children
Number of siblings	One older sister, three younger brothers
XYX?	
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Second oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	N/A
Age of family event	N/A
Problems in school?	Hung out with younger brother, had little friends his own age
Teased while in school?	Stayed quiet
Physically attractive?	yes
Physical defect?	no
Speech defect?	no
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	Brian's ex-girlfriend explains that his father was pathologically violent and abusive
Psychologically abused?	His father verbally abused him.
Sexually abused?	Claimed to be sexually abused by John Wayne Gacy as a teenager, at age 15. Also, some evidence of sexual abuse in a youth home which he was at.
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	Found in his room naked at age 16 with a 12 year old girl.
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Father abused alcohol
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	no

Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	High school drop out at age 16 (sophomore year)
Highest degree	None

Grades in school	
IQ	IQ not available because mental health evaluation and further testing is still pending
Source of IQ information	
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?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Ink mixer and stock handler
Employment status during series	Employed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	No known children, did have a nephew that he was said to be very fond of
Lives with his children	
Living with	Lived with a friend/acquaintance/family/girlfriend
Triad	
Animal torture	Yes
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	Yes
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes, marijuana, sniffing paint, Valium
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes after being placed in jail for murder he had an interview with a psychologist
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Suspected 5, convicted 2, 1 trial still pending
Victim type	Young women and female children
Killer age at start of series	
Date of first kill in series	February 1983
Date of final kill in series	November 1984
Gender of victims	female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	27, 7, and 10
Type of victim	Two children, one nurse
Method of killing	Suffocation by drowning, strangulation, beat
Weapon	Tire and short heavy club

Was gun used?	No
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	n/a
Sex of partner	n/a
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime but lived relatively close to crimes
Location of first contact	Victim's home, street
Location of killing	Killer's car and second location.
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	Yes
Bound the victims?	Yes
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	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes/No
Left at scene, hidden	Half hidden
Left at scene, buried	Shallow grave
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	November, 1984
Date convicted	November 19, 1985
Sentence	Two life sentences plus 215 years and pending trial that could lead to the death penalty
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Name and state of prison	Pontiac Correction Center in Illinois
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive

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