

David Allen Gerard

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Date	Age	Life Event
11/23/1962	0	Born in Aberdeen, Washington
1967	4	Parents divorce
~1976	~13	Drops out of school (8 th grade)
1983		Remains of Carin Conner (19) found.
01/25/1984	21	Connie Rolls (20) is reported missing.
09/11/1984	21	Gerard is arrested by the Hoquiam Police Department for assaulting his younger brother. His brother decided not to press charges.
09/1985		Connie Rolls' skull is found by mushroom hunters.
09/29/1985	22	Roberta Strasbaugh (18) is reported missing.
10/18/1985	22	Strasbaugh's body is found by mushroom hunters
1986		Gerard's mother dies
10/26/1988	25	Tracy West (17) is reported missing. Her remains were found a year later.
10/17/1989	26	Remains of Tracy West are found by a hunter.
02/06/1991	28	Kills Elaine "Brooke" McCollum (33)
1992		Gerard's father dies
09/17/1992	29	Misty Copsey (14) is reported missing
02/07/1993	30	Copsey's clothes are found in the woods but no body is found
02/15/1995	32	Kills former girlfriend Patty Rodriguez (34); her sons, Matthew (8), & Joshua (6); and her mother, Patricia McDonnell (66). Attempts to hide the evidence by burning down their house. Gerard is interviewed by police but not arrested.
09/27/1996		
08/02/1996	33	Kills Carol Leighton
09/27/1996	33	Gerard is arrested for soliciting an undercover officer posing as a prostitute
08/03/1996	33	Body of Carol Leighton found.
1997	34	Linked to McCollum and Leighton, and becomes suspect in Tracy West murder (1988)
03/17/1999	36	Attempted murder of Frankie Cochran; arrested.
04/30/1999	36	Gerard signs written confession for the attempted murder of Frankie Cochran
07/19/1999	36	Gerard is sentenced to 37 years in prison for the attempted murder of Cochran
09/22/1999	36	Gerard's DNA is matched to DNA found at the Leighton murder scene
05/23/2000	37	Gerard's appeal to overturn his attempted murder conviction is denied by the

		Washington State Court of Appeals
08/19/2004	41	Charged with the second-degree murder of Leighton
08/30/2004	41	Gerard pleads not guilty to the murder of Leighton
02/09/2005	42	Gerard enters an Alford Plea in the death of Leighton
2005	42	Sentenced to 17 years for Leighton case
2008	45	Gerard is transferred to North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre, Oklahoma due to overcrowding in the Washington State prisons
General Information		
Sex	Male	
Race	White	
Number of victims	11 suspected, 2 convicted, none confessed to	
Country where killing occurred	United States	
States where killing occurred	Washington	
Cities where killing occurred	Grays Harbor County	
Type of killer		
Height and description	5'11", 220 lbs, blonde hair, green eyes	
Childhood Information		
Date of birth	11/23/1962	
Location	Aberdeen, WA	
Birth order	Unknown	
Number of siblings	Unknown	
XYY?	Unknown	
Raised by	Mother	
Birth category	Oldest male	
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?	No	
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No	
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	No	
Family event	Divorce	
Age of family event	4	
Problems in school?	He was a bully in school, didn't like school	
Teased while in school?	No	
Physically attractive?	No	
Physical defect?	No	
Speech defect?	No	
Head injury?	No	
Physically abused?	Allegedly by mother	
Psychologically abused?	Allegedly by mother	
Sexually abused?	Unknown	
Father's occupation	Unknown	
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown	
Mother's occupation	Unknown	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown	
Cognitive Ability		
Highest grade in school	8	
Highest degree	None	
Grades in school	Low	
IQ	Low, as indicated by court documents	

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?	Unknown
Types of jobs worked	Low-income
Employment status during series	Unemployed
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	N/A
Living with	Girlfriends, self
Triad	
Animal torture	Unknown
Fire setting	Unknown
Bed wetting	Unknown
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	N/A
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
Committed previous crimes?	DUIs, public drunkenness, nuisance crimes, theft, domestic violence (brother)
Spent time in jail?	Yes
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	6-10
Number of victims (confessed to)	0
Number of victims (convicted of)	1
Victim type	Prostitutes, girlfriends
Killer age at start of series	28
Killer age at end of series	36
Date of first kill in series	02/06/91
Date of final kill in series	03/17/97 (attempted)
Gender of victims	Female; 2 male
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	6, 8, 17, 31, 33, 34, 41, 66
Type of victim	Prostitutes, girlfriends
Method of killing	Arson, assault with hammer, running over with vehicle, stabbing
Weapon	Found on scene

Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Relationship of partner	
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime
Location of first contact	Local taverns and bars
Location of killing	Victim's home, streets
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Unknown
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Unknown
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Unknown
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	Unknown
Robbed victim or location	Unknown
Disposal of Body	
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, hidden	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Burned body	Yes
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	March 17, 1999
Date convicted	2004
Sentence	Life, 420 months
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Did serial killer confess?	No
Name and state of prison	North Fork – OK; Clallam Bay – WA; Connell – WA
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No

Date of death	N/A
Cause of death	N/A
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