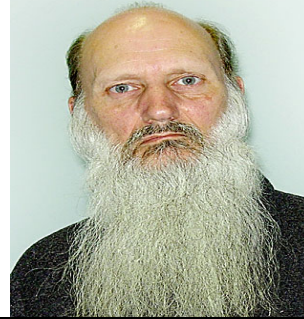


**Derek Ernest Percy**  
*“The Ghost, Spook, Phantom”*



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Date	Age	Life Event
09/15/1948	0	Born in Strathfield, New South Wales to Ernest and Elaine Percy
5/1950	1	Derek’s brother, Lachlan, is born in Strathfield, New South Wales
1954	6	Begins attending school at Milsons Point, New South Wales. Third son Brett is born.
1955	7	Brother Brett dies from diphtheria.
1956	8	Percy family moves to Chelsea.
1959	11	Percy family moves to Warrambool on Victoria’s SE coast
1961	13	Percy family moves to Mount Beauty in Victoria. Fourth son Leon is born.
1963	15	Derek works part time in a tobacco field to earn money.
1964	16	Derek begins stealing clothes from clotheslines; newspaper nicknames culprit: ‘snowdropper’
1964	16	Derek accidentally stabs himself in the leg and is fascinated with the blood
1964	16	Derek is made Prefect at his school at Mount Beauty
1964	16	Ken Hosking and Derek find a dead kangaroo, which Derek laughs at hysterically
12/1964	16	Percy grabs and assaults Linda Slight
01/12/1965	16	Bodies of Marianne Schmidt (15) and Christine Sharrock (15) are found stabbed to death on the dunes of Wanda Beach, Sydney. They had last been seen the day before.
1965	17	Begins writing a graphic diary, and school grades begin to falter and he fails 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
01/20/1965	16	Funeral of Marianne and Christine held
09/1965	17	Percy family moves to Khancoban. Derek says behind to live with the family of his friend, Ken Hosking, so that Derek can finish his exams.
1965	17	Stolen clothing from the Hosking’s neighbors, the Casarottos, is found along with a doll that has been sliced up by a razor
1965	17	Derek finishes his exams and leaves Mount Beauty to join his family in Khancoban.
01/1966	17	Derek receives word that he did not pass his exams.
2/1966	17	Derek begins his time at Corryong High where teasing becomes a problem; he is accused of being the murderer at Wanda Beach the year before by his peers
01/26/1966	17	Beaumont children – Grant (4), Arnna (7), Jane (9) - are reported missing from Glenelg Beach, Adelaide. Residents of Mount Beauty claim the Percy family were on vacation in Adelaide. Derek later admits he was on the beach that day.
Summer 1966	17	Derek makes Tania and Lynnette Harrison, his neighbors, show him their genitals
09/28/1966	18	Allen Redston (6) found dead wrapped in carpet in a creek bed. He had been reported

		missing the previous day.
12/1966	18	Earnie Percy retires from SEC and family moves to Wallsend
1967	19	Derek gets driver's license and his first car, a grey station wagon; Plate: EUU 786
11/25/1967	20	Derek is accepted into the Navy with service number: R66951
12/1967	20	Earns nickname of "The Ghost" after accepted in Electrical Mechanics
03/9/1968	20	Derek is stationed to Sydney; stationed on HMAS Melbourne
05/19/1968	20	Simon Brook (3) found dead underneath tree, half naked and mutilated. Simon was reported missing the day before.
08/05/1968	20	Begins his 18-day leave from Navy
08/10/1968	20	Linda Stilwell (7) abducted from her home in St. Kilda, Melbourne
04/01/1969	21	Navy stations Derek on the HMVS Cerberus
1969	21	Derek attempts to abduct a 12-year-old girl riding a bike close to HMVS Cerberus
07/20/1969	21	Yvonne Tuohy (12) is murdered and Derek is arrested as a suspect after a witness identifies the make of the abductor's car
07/21/1969	21	Derek is arrested and confesses to the murder of Yvonne Tuohy
07/23/1969	21	Police take the blood of Derek Percy
08/01/1969	21	Derek's house is searched but nothing of value is found except matching hand writing
08/08/1969	21	Derek is interviewed and says Belmont Fetcher can recall his whereabouts on 5/18
04/02/1970	22	Derek's first day of trial
04/07/1970	22	Jury finds Derek not guilty by reason of insanity. He is assigned indefinitely to prison as part of the <i>Governor's Pleasure</i> law designed to protect society
09/28/1971	23	Prison officials find pornographic writings in Derek's cell
08/01/1986	37	Derek is transferred to Beechworth, a medium-security facility
09/09/1987	38	Derek is transferred to Castlemaine prison
06/1993	44	Derek is transferred to Ararat prison after the closing of Castlemaine
10/1998	50	Governor's Pleasure law is abolished and Derek is re-evaluated to determine if he should be released. Experts agreed that he Derek should not be released.
2001	52	Derek's father, Ernie, dies from Motor Neuron Disease
11/24/2003	55	Derek is transferred to Port Phillip Prison

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	9 suspected, 0 convicted, 1 confessed to
Country where killing occurred	Australia
States where killing occurred	Victoria, Sydney
Cities where killing occurred	Warneet, Adelaide, Wanda Beach, Canberra
Type of killer	Unorganized lust
Height	

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	September 15, 1948
Location	Strathfield, New South Wales
Birth order	1 <sup>st</sup> of 4
Number of siblings	3, one died
XYY?	N/A
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	Stayed with another family for a few weeks to finish school (didn't)
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	Grandmother took care of him often
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	No
Family event	Death of brother

Age of family event	7 years old
Problems in school?	Started as a model student then grades dropped
Teased while in school?	Teased because different fabric tie
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	None
Speech defect?	None
Head injury?	None
Physically abused?	Punishment by grandmother was to hog tie him and place him in a room.
Psychologically abused?	Overly strict parents
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Railway electrician
Age of first sexual experience	N/A
Age when first had intercourse	N/A
Mother's occupation	Stay home mom
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	11
Highest degree	Dropped out in 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Grades in school	Good until around 11 <sup>th</sup> grade
IQ	122
Source of IQ information	Marshall (2009; page 113)
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Navy
Type of discharge	Took Leave
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Worked in tobacco fields as a child, worked at a service station with his dad, Joined Navy
Employment status during series	Miscellaneous jobs and in the Navy
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	--
Living with	His parents
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	Yes
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Recommended but did not attend
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	No
Diagnosis	No

<b>Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Peeping Tom, Stole women's clothing
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	9 suspected
Victim type	Children
Killer age at start of series	16
Date of first kill in series	January 1965
Date of final kill in series	July 1969
Gender of victims	Both male and female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Marianne Schmidt 15, Christine Sharrock 15, Alan Redston 6, Simon Brook 3. Linda Stilwell 7, Yvonne Tuohy 12, Jane 9, Arnna 7, Grant 4, (Shane Spiller, 11, didn't get killed but suffered trauma)
Type of victim	Children, combination of boy and girl
Method of killing	Torture and abduction
Weapon	Razor, Knife
Was gun used?	No
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	N/A
Sex of partner	N/A
Relationship of partner	N/A
Type of serial killer	Disorganized thrill/lust
How close did killer live?	Family vacations, Drove to crime
Location of first contact	Victims home and on beach
Location of killing	Warneet, Adelaide, Wanda Beach, Canberra
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Victim Abducted
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes on many occasions
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Yes
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
<b>Disposal of Body</b>	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Some

Left at scene, hidden	Some
Left at scene, buried	Some
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	Cut up some of the bodies
Moved, too home	No
<b>Sentencing</b>	
Date killer arrested	July 21, 1969
Date convicted	1970
Sentence	Life in prison
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Yes, But got life in prison
Did serial killer confess?	No, Always stated I was there but don't remember what happened
Name and state of prison	County Warneet, Adelaide, Wanda Beach, Canberra of Victoria
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	--
Cause of death	--

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