

Serial Killer Name  
*Richard "Danny" Starrett*



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Date	Age	Life Event
9/25/1959	0	Danny was a full term baby with a normal pregnancy.
		When delivered Danny had to be "tweezed" out with a big pair of forceps. He came out black and purple with bruises from the nose up.
	A few days old	Danny cried constantly as a baby, all day and night.
		He was constantly taken to the doctor for diarrhea. Danny's mother states that "he never got over the diarrhea." One night Danny was rushed to the doctor because he refused to drink anything. He became so dehydrated that he was immediately checked into the hospital, although he needed medical attention the family did not have insurance so the doctor advised the parents to force feed Danny a mixture of orange juice and sugar water.
	One week old	Danny was left with babysitters for the majority of the time while his mother worked to support the family and father was in school at Georgia Tech.
		At one week old Danny was left with a 12-year old girl named Andrea Herter. Gerry, Danny's mother, said that Danny began to act differently after being left with Andrea. Gerry had neighbor's coming to her home asking her what she was doing to her baby because they could hear Danny crying all day long. Gerry then began to notice things about Danny, he had developed severe diaper rash because the babysitter was not changing him and this caused him to cry all day. Physical and sexual abuse was also a possibility during the times Danny was left

		with the babysitter Andrea, and also her brother Fred. Danny was also left at times with the maid Agnes.
1962 or 1963	2 or 3	Danny fell out of a moving car. He tumbled head first onto the street. Danny's father was driving and did not take Danny to the hospital. His father took him home and sent him to bed.
1965 or 1966	5 or 6	Danny fell 9ft., head first, off of the slide while hanging upside down onto asphalt. He was knocked unconscious and taken to the hospital. The examining doctor said that there was no serious damage done.
1967	7	Less than a year after the incident with the slide, Danny starts falling down a lot. He collapses in the mall. Gerry thinks Danny is just trying to get attention, gets mad, and tells him to stop. Danny says that "he can't help it." First his head begins to hurt, then he gets dizzy and then his legs fall down. Danny was sent to a series of doctors that found that his left foot was not growing at the same rate as his right foot. One leg was also shorter than the other which caused Danny to begin to favor one side of his body. A doctor in West Virginia told his mother that he thought Danny was suffering from a brain tumor. Upon examination it was only found that Danny had Babinski reflex, this is where his toes curled the wrong way then the doctor drew a stick across his foot bottom.
1967 or 1968	7 or 8	Danny's mother noticed that Danny started to disappear into his room and was always "reading"
		When in first grade Danny's mom got a call from his teacher saying that Danny could not be promoted to 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade because he couldn't read well enough. The teacher suggested Danny see a psychologist. The Psychologist concluded that Danny was "a very, very bright boy" except ... and she then asked about Danny's stuttering. Gerrie said that she had noticed Danny's stuttering at about age 3 or 4. The psychologist thought he could possibly be dyslexic and wanted him to wear a patch over one eye to correct the problem. That was the last time Danny saw a psychologist.
		Danny's mother said that as a child he was very hyper. Danny's teacher told his mother he was "hyperactive." Danny's mother did not know what that meant. Danny was unable to stay still. His mother could not get him to sleep at night or be quiet during the day. His problems at school were attributed to his boredom in class. He was thought to be smart and not being challenged. His teacher said that he could do well if he would just apply himself and settle down. His mother tells of how he constantly aggravated his siblings. Constantly harassing them for attention and to annoy them. His mother said he was never mean or violent, just trying to get them to play with him.
		From Danny's journal: "I am extremely obsessive compulsive about order and neatness. I would count things, jump over things mentally. In school he describes being in a "hypnotic trance" being a "zombie." He later depicts how these things continued into college. He would step over cracks which irritated him but he felt that he <i>had</i> to do it. Danny's mother talks about how she never had to discipline him as a child, he disciplined him self. Of her 4 children, Danny was the only one to keep his room neat. She described Danny as having to have things <i>more</i> than neat. She recalls him being very upset if something was ever put out of order. She says Danny was the same way about his appearance; she described it as "immaculate." She said Danny would take 4 or 5 showers a day.
1967	7	Danny's mother said that he loved to draw. From Danny's journal: Talks of being obsessed with drawing pictures depicting girls being trapped in devices
		From Danny's journal: Tells of an over active sex drive/metabolism. Nothing was able to keep his attention. Now realize that hyperactivity may characterize his as "hyper." He said that he always had a passion for danger. He "loved/needed" to take risks. He enjoyed climbing trees, but not simply climbing, he would go as high as he could in the tree and then leaped from tree

		to tree in "death defying" style. He also plays childhood games with darts, bows and arrows and his bike.
1969 or 1070	9 or 10	Started to become interested in girls
1970	10	From Danny's journal: Danny found a box of porn in an old abandoned house. Danny said that "I spent every free moment at that building looking at my secret treasures of magazines."
1970 or 1971	10 or 11	Danny's father sprayed him with a water hose as a joke about Danny showering so much. Danny got mad, packed a lunch and then headed off vowing to never come back. Danny only made it down the street.
1971 or 1972	11 or 12	Danny's mother says he discovered books at this time. Gerry said Danny would almost read a book a day. He would spend weekends reading in his room, coming out only for meals.
1981		Became depressed, started having obsessive habits, headaches, compulsive following of girls, blacked out on several occasions.
	college	Danny says he was "addicted to adrenaline." He hung his body out of a moving vehicle at 70 miles per hours.
		While at Georgia Tech, Danny took up sky-diving.
	After college	Moved to California and bought his first motorcycle. Danny suffered his first accident after only a few months, he slammed into the side of a car that pulled out in front of him. Danny only sustained bumps and bruises. Danny bought an even more powerful motorcycle with the insurance money from his first accident.
September 1982	23	Married wife, Heather.
March 12, 1987	27	Danny and Heather's baby was born, named Allison.
Christmas 1987	28	Answered classified ad in the <i>Carolina Trader</i> for a couch, Tammy Cranford replied. They set up a meeting time at Tammy's house. Once there Danny then forced Tammy to perform oral sex on him.
June 1988	28	Answered classified ad in the <i>Carolina Trader</i> for a dining room table, Tiffany Hart replied. They set up a meeting time at Tiffany's house. Once there Danny then forced Tiffany to perform oral sex on him.
June 24, 1988	28	Answered classified ad in the <i>Carolina Trader</i> for refrigerator, Susannah Hansen replied. They set up a meeting time at Susannah's house. Once there Danny kidnapped Susannah and took her to his home. She was sexually assaulted and forced to perform oral sex on him.
Summer 1988	28	12-year old girl was kidnapped and assaulted by a man who answered Starrett's description and who said he was answering a newspaper advertisement.
December 29, 1988	29	Answered classified ad in the <i>Carolina Trader</i> for tables. Set up a time with a young girl who had replied. Danny asked the girl if her parents were home. Was she home alone? The girl would not let Danny into the house.
December 1988	29	Answered ad in the <i>Carolina Trader</i> , Jean Taylor McCrea replied. They set up a meeting time at Jean's house. Her parents arrived home to find a note she had left. She was going away for a few days. She went missing for 2 months. Jeannie went willingly with Danny to his house in Martinez. Danny put tape over her sunglasses so she could not determine where she was. When they go to the house it was like nothing was wrong. At first Danny would lock Jeannie in the closet while he went out to get some things. After Jeannie informed him that he did not have to lock her up, he allowed her to be free. They played games, watched movies and TV together. They even took a trip together. Danny said that they acted like any other normal couple on vacation. One day after their return to the house in Martinez, Jeannie and Danny decided to take a shower together. Jeannie was shot in the shower. Danny then wrapped her body in a green blanket because green was Jeannie's favorite color. Drove around with her

		body in the back seat until he decided to leave her body on the side of a river.
February 6, 1989		Daryl and Alice Blake came home to find their 17 year old daughter Crissy Blake missing.
February 6, 1989	29	Accused of kidnapping Shari Dawn Teets who was 17-years old.
February 11, 1989		Officer Mike Adams entered the house at 130 West Lynne Drive as a girl screamed, "I was kidnapped!" Crissy Blake said that Danny had come to her door saying he was an insurance salesman and that he was dressed in a suit and looked safe so she let him in. She then said that she tried to run away, but Danny pulled a gun on her and told her he would kill her. Questioning from the police revealed that Danny had sexually assaulted Crissy as well as making videotapes of the two of them. The police later found this tape of Crissy perform oral sex on Danny in the VCR at his home.
February 11, 1989	29	FBI issued a nation wide alert: Wanted for kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct: Armed and Dangerous Richard Daniel Starrett
February 14, 1989	29	Danny's car is found at a rest stop in Texas. He was on his way to California to see his wife and baby. When the police approached his car, they found him asleep inside of it. They woke him and proceeded to ask him questions, they asked if he had suicidal tendencies? Danny answered no. They asked if he was homosexual or heterosexual. He answered no. He denied the kidnapping and assault of the girl in Georgia.
		Danny was taken to Lexington Co. Jail. He requested no guests while in jail. His family came to see him and was denied access to see him since he had requested no guests. His family wrote him letters; Danny then said he would see them.
		Danny's house on West Lane Drive was searched by police and found was an RCA video camera; a blue canvas bag full of videotapes, including the one of Crissy Blake; a pair of brown gloves; stained sheets and towels; newspapers in which classified ad's had been circled; a pair of handcuffs; a starter pistol; a revolver; plus a pile of notebooks and maps; gasoline, motel and car rental receipts. A receipt hinting that Starrett had rented a storage unit somewhere under another name.
		Heather Starrett is brought in for questioning. Questioning revealed that their sex life had changed after Heather had their baby. She talked of how they no longer had a "normal sex life" after the baby. Danny wanted her to perform oral sex for the longest time, they tried video-taping, and their last attempt at sex was unsuccessful because Danny was unable to keep an erection with his wife. Heather also describes how Danny liked to read dirty magazines.
		The police found a storage unit Danny owned that his wife did not know about, Van Guard Self Storage locker 132 in Martinez, GA. The final count for items in the storage unit were: 18 calendars "depicting nudity and/or violence; 71 fliers on "erotic and violent videos"; 116 posters "depicting bondage or violence and sex"; 935 books depicting nudity, horror, and sexual violence"; and 1,197 magazines "containing sex, horror, violence, and bondage." They found that Danny used the alias's of Rick Stanet or Rick Stonet, they found letters addressed to these names in the storage unit. Also found were classified ads and maps of some of the cities where the victims lived.
06/23/1989	29	Begins serving sentence at Kirkland Maximum Security Prison in South Carolina
06/29/1992	32	First phase of trial begins to determine if he was mentally competent to face a capital murder charge in Cartersville, GA.
05/03/1993	33	Already serving life sentences in South Carolina, he was sentenced in Georgia to four life terms plus 50 years in prison without parole for murder.
12-10-2006	47	Tried escaping from Lee Correctional Institution along with another inmate

		around 9:30 a.m. but they were caught within 100 yards inside the prison's perimeter.
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<b>General Information</b>		
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Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	1
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina
Cities where rape/killing occurred	Augusta, GA. Charleston, SC. North Atlanta, GA. South Atlanta, GA. Lexington, SC. Columbia, SC. Irmo, SC.
Type of killer	Organized lust
Height	5'11"

<b>Childhood Information</b>		
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Date of birth	September 25, 1959
Location	
Birth order	Either 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Number of siblings	2 sisters, Helen and Gail and 1 brother, Robert
XYY?	No
Raised by	Biological mother, Gerry and biological father, Richard
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Married, possible divorce later on
Family event	None documented
Age of family event	None documented
Problems in school?	"Always" according to mother. Teacher told Danny's mother that he was "hyperactive." Problems at school were attributed to Danny's classes bored him. He was thought to be too smart and never challenged. Teacher said he could do well if he would just settle down and apply him self.
Teased while in school?	None documented
Physically attractive?	Fairly
Physical defect?	None documented
Speech defect?	Yes, stuttered as a child (age 3/4)
Head injury?	Yes, had to be removed by forceps at birth. This caused severe bruising of the head immediately after delivery. At age 2/3 Danny fell out of a moving vehicle and tumbled out head first onto the street and was not taken to hospital for injury. A few years later Danny fell off the slide while hanging upside down falling head first onto asphalt 9ft. below. He was knocked unconscious and was taken to the hospital. The Doctor said he had suffered no serious damage.
Physically abused?	Suspected possible abuse by childhood babysitter 12-year-old Andrea and her brother Fred. Andrea was found to not be changing Danny's diaper causing severe diaper rash. Also suspected possible abuse from maid Agnes who also watched Danny as a child.
Psychologically abused?	Not by anyone other than himself. Danny was very hard on himself as a child.
Sexually abused?	Suspected possible sexual abuse by childhood babysitters Andrea and Fred. Also possibly by maid Agnes.
Father's occupation	Savannah River site
Age of first sexual experience	8 years old
Age when first had intercourse	In college
Mother's occupation	Owned beauty salon

Father abused drugs/alcohol	None documented
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	None documented
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	College
Highest degree	Attended two colleges, but no documentation of a degree
Grades in school	Mostly C's and B's, occasional A
IQ	124
Source of IQ information	Naifeh and Smith (1996, page 234)
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	N/A
Type of discharge	N/A
Saw combat duty	N/A
Killed enemy during service?	N/A
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	Yes, from Betchel the day after story of killing hit media. Fired for exceeding number of days missed without excuse.
Types of jobs worked	Fire protections system designer and technician at SRS, Betchel engineer
Employment status during series	Employed, but never showed up, constantly called in sick
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	1 daughter, Allison age 2
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Wife, Heather and daughter, Allison
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	None documented
Fire setting	None documented
Bed wetting	None documented
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	None documented
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	Attended multiple correctional facilities and admitted into psych ward of Columbia Jail, underwent psychological testing and treatment at Central State Hospital, Diagnosed at Hall Institute
Diagnosis	Possible Atypical Paraphilia and possible Multiple Personality Disorder
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	None documented
Spent time in jail?	None documented
Spent time in prison?	None documented
Killed prior to series? Age?	None documented
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	1 killed, possible 6/7 others
Victim type	Young women
Killer age at start of series	Killed at 29

Date of first kill in series	Between Christmas and New Year's Eve of 1988
Date of final kill in series	Same as first kill
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Possible range of 11-22
Type of victim	Young females
Method of killing	Gunshot
Weapon	Gun
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	Revolver
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	N/A
Sex of partner	N/A
Type of serial killer	Only killed one victim, would be considered serial rapist
How close did killer live?	About an hour away, drove to all victim's houses
Location of first contact	By phone, then at the girls' houses
Location of killing	
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes, at his home in Martinez
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted two, killed one
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Chained two victims at the ankle and placed them in his closet on separate occasions
Stalked victims?	Didn't stalk victims, but possible stalking at a young age
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes, gunshot
Used blindfold?	Put tape over one victims (Jeannie) sunglasses so she was not able to see where she was being held
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Oral and vaginal smears during autopsy showed positive for semen (not clear if pre or post kill)
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	No
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Danny wrapped Jean McCrea's body in a green blanket and trash bags before dumping her into a creek bed near her home of Irmo, S.C.
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	Arrested in Texas in February 1989
Date convicted	
Sentence	After first two trials, sentenced to 5 consecutive life

	sentences
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, mental state was questionable
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Not used
Name and state of prison	CCI, Hall Institute, currently at Lee Correctional Institution
Killer committed suicide?	Attempted suicide by cutting his wrists with a piece of broken mirror while in jail
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still living

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