

**Faryion Wardrip**  
*“Gonzo”*



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Date	Age	Life Event
03/06/1959	0	Born in Salem, Indiana to George and Diana Wardrip
1978	19	Joined Army National Guard
1983	24	Married a woman in Wichita Falls
1983	24	Worked as a hospital janitor
1983	24	Was promoted from janitor to orderly
1984	25	Received a less-than-honorable discharge from National Guard
12/21/1984	25	Killed Terry Sims (21) in Wichita Falls, TX
1984	25	Arrested for rape and slaying of young women
01/19/1985	25	Killed Toni Gibbs (23) in Archer County, TX
03/29/1985	26	Killed Deborah Gibbs (25) in Fort Worth, TX
09/20/1985	26	Killed Ellen Blau (21) in Wichita Falls, TX
1985	26	Separated from wife
05/06/1986	27	Killed Tina Kimbrew (21) in Wichita Falls, TX
1986	27	Plead guilty for the murder of Tina Kimbrew and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.
12/1997	38	Was paroled after 11 years in prison
1999	38	DNA evidence ties Wardrip to the 1985 murders of Sims and Gibbs
02/13/1999	39	Arrested for the murders of Sims and Gibbs. Eventually confesses to the murders of Sims, Gibbs, Taylor, and Blau
11/05/1999	40	Plead guilty to the murders of Sims, Gibbs , Taylor, and Blau . Received a sentence of death.

**General Information**

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	5
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Texas
Cities where killing occurred	Wichita Falls, Fort Worth
Type of killer	Disorganized lust
Height	6'6"

**Childhood Information**

Date of birth	March 6, 1959
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Location	Salem, Indiana
Birth order	First
Number of siblings	1
XYY?	
Raised by	Parents
Birth category	
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	
Age of family event	N/A
Problems in school?	Just wasn't interested in anything
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	12 <sup>th</sup> (He didn't complete it though)
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	National Guard
Type of discharge	Less than honorable (for smoking marijuana, conduct and willful absences)
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Clerk, Orderly, Laborer, Materials buyer for a company, Sunday school teacher
Employment status during series	Employed (hospital, Sunday school teacher)
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married (but separated)
Number of children	2
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Self. He quit his job and moved into a motel complex filled with drug dealers/users
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	

Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	N/A
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	5
Victim type	Young women
Killer age at start of series	25
Date of first kill in series	December 21, 1984
Date of final kill in series	May 6, 1986
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	21, 21, 21, 23, 25
Type of victim	Young women (waitress, nurse, college students)
Method of killing	Rape, bound, stab
Weapon	Killer brought with him
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Type of serial killer	Disorganized lust
How close did killer live?	Walking distance and driving distance
Location of first contact	Street, hospital
Location of killing	Victim's home, street, deserted areas
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes (in one of the victims)
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted and killed at contact
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Yes - multiple stab wounds
Quick & efficient?	In some cases yes- but 2 of them were left for dead, meaning they were still alive after he left, and fought until their deaths
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
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
Left at scene, hidden	No (but he hid some of the victims' clothing)
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	1999
Date convicted	Nov. 5, 1999
Sentence	First killing (11 of 35 years) other killings (Death)
Killer executed?	Not yet
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Name and state of prison	A maximum security prison in Livingston, TX
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive

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- "Scream at the Sky" by Carlton Stowers

### Not Useful

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