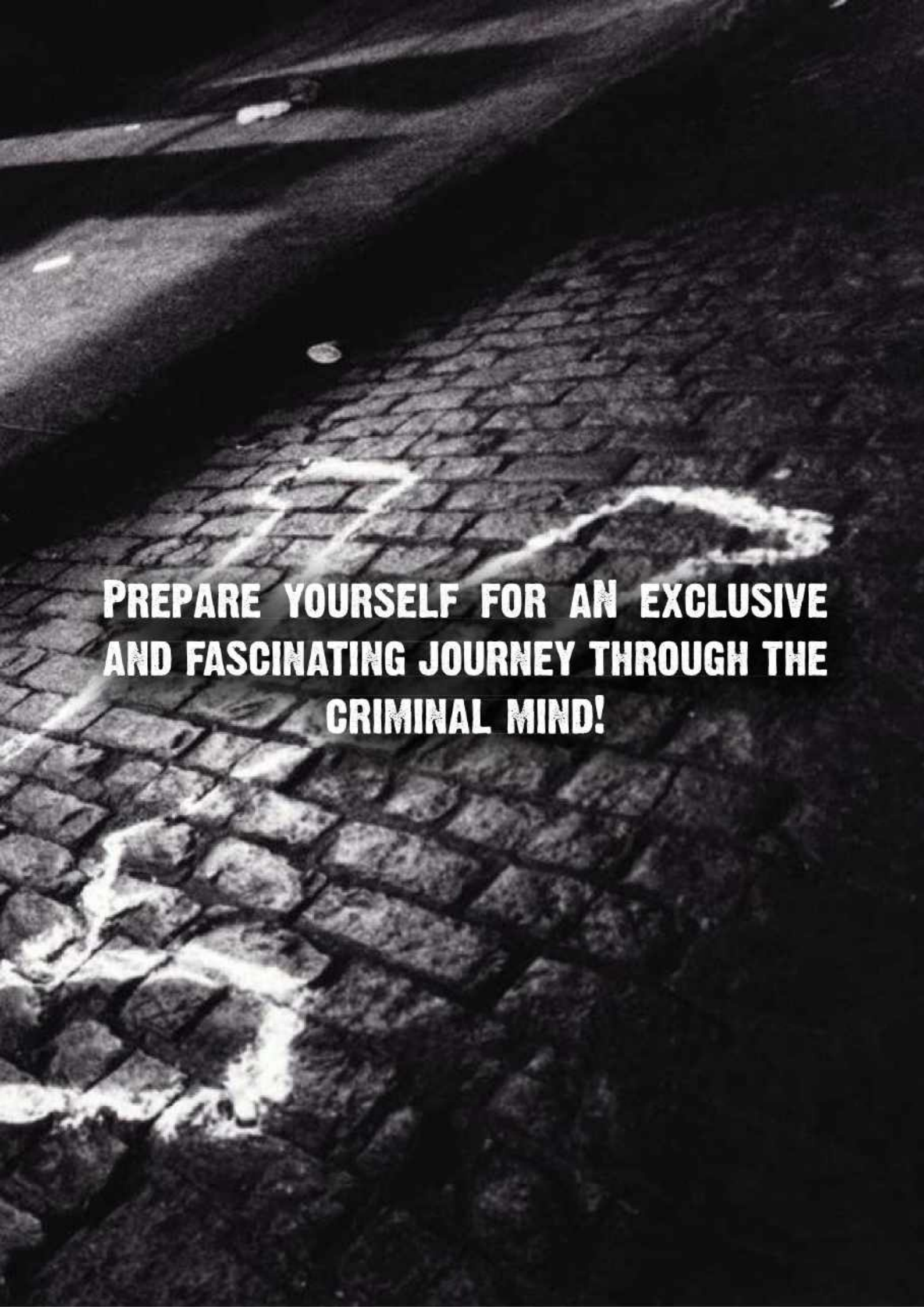


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**PREPARE YOURSELF FOR AN EXCLUSIVE
AND FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE
CRIMINAL MIND!**



MONSTER: Bundy

- The smirk that haunts families of his victims
- He gave a final nod and a grin to his attorney

THE GHOST of a smile hovers on the lips of mass killer Ted Bundy as he lies on a mortuary slab.

The monster who killed up to 100 women died with a last ghastly grin on his face as 2,000 volts of electricity surged through his body for 60 numbing seconds.

KILLER DIES WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE



WHAT GOES THROUGH THE MIND OF A DEATH ROW INMATE?

BY DR. BILL KIMBERLIN

DEATH IS INEVITABLE. THERE IS NO ESCAPING IT. WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE AT SOME POINT; SOME WILL JUST DIE SOONER THAN OTHERS.

DEATH IS ONE OF THOSE FEW "CONSTANTS" THAT WE ALL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THROUGHOUT OUR LIFE.



LOUISE BUNDY WIPES AWAY A TEAR AS SHE TELLS HER SON TED: 'YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY PRECIOUS SON.' HE WAS EXECUTED MINUTES LATER. (CREDIT: ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Have you ever wondered how you would die? Or even thought about how your life may end? The people that I interview on a regular basis think about these very questions day in and day out. For some, these thoughts become all consuming.

For many, this is all they ever really think about. You see, the people that I talk to are all death row inmates who have been sent to a prison within a prison where they are condemned to die.

Not too many people can

say the exact manner of death they are going to experience or the exact date of their eventual departure from this world but for those who have been sentenced to die for their actions, they can. In fact, they will eventually hold in their own hands, a piece of paper that will tell them the exact time and date that their life will be taken. Depending on the state they reside in, they may even get to make a choice as to the manner of death. An option, if you will, on how they wish the state to proceed in murdering them. Most will elect to have their life to be taken by an unknown combination of lethal drugs that will be administered through their veins until they are dead. I say "unknown" drugs because of the way the laws are written in this country, the types of drugs used in the lethal injection method of

executing a person changes from month to month and state to state. In reality, they may never really know until the time comes as to what drugs will be administered to them in order to end their life.

A select few may choose such options as the electric chair or the firing squad in order to gain more media attention but it has been my experience over the past decade of dealing with inmates on death row, if they have to be executed, then they want to go in a way that is as painless as possible, unlike the way they took the lives of their victims.

It was Elizabeth Kubler-Ross who first discovered that when people are confronting their own death, they tend to go through different stages before coming to terms with it. Denial, Anger, Bargaining



A DEATH CHAMBER IN TEXAS. (CREDIT: GETTY IMAGES)

for extra time, Depression, and finally Acceptance. She outlined these stages back in 1970 and mostly for those who were facing death based on a terminal illness of some sort or just reaching the end of their normal life expectancy. In 2016, much of this still remains true to form even on death row.

I have seen first-hand; condemned inmates go through these very stages before they depart this world. The one thing that

apart from those who may be terminally ill awaiting their death is the danger that can be associated with the stages they may go through. People who are terminally ill may pray for extra time in order to see their son or daughter graduate or get married. People suffering from a terminal illness may get mad at God or their higher power because they feel like they have been cheated out of life. For the condemned inmate, they

may lash out on their anger towards anyone they come in contact with. They feel that the state is just as guilty as they are for putting them to death since "every murder is a sin" in their eyes. An inmate awaiting their final execution date may bargain for extra time by killing one more person. I have stood next to an inmate set to die in less than a week and his idea of "buying more time" was be to kill the very next person he comes into contact with since the state would then have to try them for another murder and therefore postpone their scheduled execution date. The major problem with this theory was the fact that I was the **ONLY** person with him at the time! This was one of the few times that I have ever really feared for my life while being on death row with countless inmates at any given time.

rational thought process by any standard but then again, most of these guys did not end up on death row based on rational thoughts to begin with.

So, what goes through the minds of these condemned killers before they are put to death? This question is not as easy to answer as many would think. In Ohio, where I have spent the majority of my time researching on death row, there is a lot that goes on during the last 30 days of the inmate's life. After exhausting all of their appeals in the court system, which may take upwards of 18-20 years, and after they have been given a number of so-called "Phantom-Dates" which are really just dates set down for the record to reflect, and after they have gone in front of the clemency board to ask for mercy, only then does reality



A DEATH ROW CELL IN FLORIDA (CREDIT: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS)

seem to set in.

Approximately 30 days before their final execution date is set, the condemned inmate is moved from their normal death row pod where they have been able to enjoy such amenities as; cable television, handheld video games, food commissary, outside recreation time, working on various arts and crafts, and enjoying being out of their cells for the majority of the day along with nearly unrestricted visitation from family and friends, to now a segregated part of death row where they are placed on what is known as "suicide watch". In Ohio, it seems that the state will go through extraordinary measures to keep the condemned inmate alive in order to execute them. While on death row, the inmates receive any and all necessary medical care includ-

ing preventative care for diabetes, mental health, and so on.

I have one inmate who has had surgery to remove cancer, given chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and around the clock care for years. All in order to put him to death and all at the expense of taxpayers in the State of Ohio. But that is a different debate to be had at another time.

The last 30 days of life for the condemned inmate may very well be the worst 30 days of their entire sentence. It is during this time that they are "forced", if you will, to think about their own impending death. It is now when they must sit and think about their own final arrangements. Who will claim their body, where will they be buried, what happens to them after death, and will



it hurt? It is during this time period where the inmate must sit down and decide what to do with their worldly possessions. The life they have collected over the past 2 or more decades behind bars that fits into an 8x10 cell must now be given to someone. Usually, close friends they have become attached to on death row over the years. They actually put a lot of thought into this process because it makes them feel more human. To be able to leave something behind of themselves to someone gives them some sort of sense of belonging. They must also contact any family members, if there are any left that are either alive or willing to talk to them, to see about funeral arrangements. A few of the lucky ones will be able to have their family receive their body following the execution and they will

be laid to rest according to the families wishes. Many however will not have the luxury of a funeral but instead will have to have their body claimed by the state in which they will be buried on prison grounds. There are also decisions to be made as to what their last meal will be, who will witness their execution, and what will be their final words. For most, even though these can be trying on them psychologically, it is still the easiest part of their final days. It takes their minds off of what is really going through their minds, the uncertainty.

Sitting down with these inmates as their days on earth draw to an end is mentally exhausting. Listening to them tell me who gets what when they die or what they have chosen for their last meal and why is easy to

discuss. In fact, from a psychological viewpoint, I find it fascinating to hear why they have come to the decisions that they have concerning their last meal or their final statement. It tells me a lot about whom they were or who they have become since arriving on death row. In Ohio, the condemned inmate still gets to choose just about whatever they want for their last meal as long as it is within reason. Some will put great thought into this to maybe relive happier days in childhood where they will ask for ice cream, cake, and other comfort foods they miss and will allow them to go back in time when life was perhaps better. Others may be more modest and just ask for something they haven't had since being convicted of their crimes such as pizza or spaghetti.



FOR HIS LAST MEAL, SERIAL KILLER JOHN WAYNE GACY REQUESTED 12 FRIED SHRIMP, A BUCKET OF ORIGINAL RECIPE KFC, FRENCH FRIES, AND A POUND OF STRAWBERRIES.
(CREDIT: HENRY HARGREAVES)

One of the inmates I was witness to, chose to order a T-bone steak as rare as they would allow so he could see the blood coming out of it which would remind him of his victim's blood when he took his life. Needless to say, he was never remorseful of his actions and in fact, talked about killing others even on the day of his execution. When it comes to their last statement, that moment when the warden asks them if they have any final words before they die, this too differs from inmate to inmate. Some will try to stay strong and stay defiant to the end. They never want to show a sign of weakness to the victims' family members who are there to watch them breathe in their last breath. Some will try to come up with a lengthy statement trying to justify their own actions while at the same time,

condemning the state for doing this to them. Still, others may try to send a message of remorse that usually falls on deaf ears to those who are there to witness something they have waited what must seem like a lifetime to see, the death of the person responsible for taking the life of their loved one. In the end, it has been my experience with everyone I have worked with, before the warden buttons that top suit coat button signaling to the executioner to commence the execution, whatever that inmate has thought they were going to say never really happens. Whether it is due to nerves, lack of memory or just the very thought of these will be the last words ever spoken from their lips, the person strapped to the table has never said to those in attendance what he has told me the days before, what he intended to say.

Normalcy is what these condemned inmates seek towards the end, what they get is solitude. They have the same questions that perhaps you or I would when it comes right down to it. Do I think there is a heaven and if so will they get there? What do I think happens after death? During their final days on death row before they are transferred to the death cell and eventually to the death chamber, they are filled with questions. Questions I am not capable of nor qualified to answer and I tell them just that. I explain to them that there are things in life that we are never meant to understand. I don't pretend to know the answers and I don't make things up for them to feel better about themselves. They respect me for my honesty.

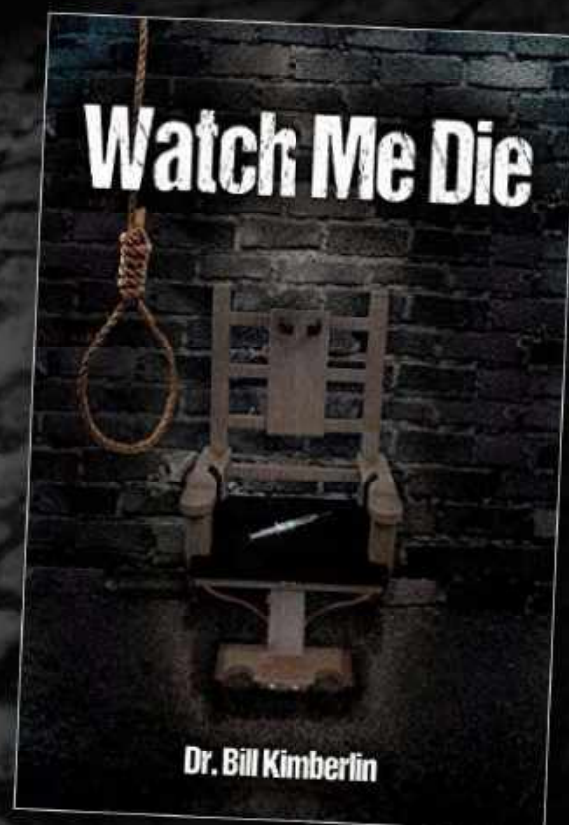
Seeing the condemned inmate being led into

the death chamber and looking into their eyes as they step up onto the table to be strapped down by the execution team is like looking at a deer in headlights. There is this look in their eyes that one never forgets.

The night before they have said their final good-byes to those left in their life. They have eaten the last meal ever to be consumed on this planet and now they are being forced to die. Their eyes tell it all. The fear, the anxiety, the uncertainty are all too obvious. The blank look they give you as they stare through the glass that separates the witnesses from them is truly mesmerizing. It is a look that lets you see into their mind for the last time. They may have been a monster up until the time they were strapped down but the moments before they take their final gasp

of air, they are in fear. Then just like that, it's over. My "view to a kill" has ended and the person strapped to the death bed, their existence no longer matters. Those who've gathered in support of this execution can now try to heal and move on while others question its necessity. The uncertainties remain.

RECOMMENDED READING:



WATCH ME DIE IS A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF OHIO'S DEATH ROW AND THE STATE'S EXECUTION PROCESS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. DR. KIMBERLIN, A TRAINED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, GOES BEYOND THE PRISON WALLS AND INTO THE WORLD OF DEATH ROW INMATES. NO BARS, NO SHACKLES, AND NO CHAINS. KIMBERLIN SPENDS TIME ONE-ON-ONE WITH SOME OF OHIO'S WORST KILLERS TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR LIFE ON DEATH ROW. THEN HE WATCHES THEM DIE.



10 MOST POPULAR MYTHS SURROUNDING THE ZODIAC KILLER CASE

BY MICHAEL BUTTERFIELD

THE ZODIAC KILLER IS ONE OF THE MOST ELUSIVE AND UNUSUAL SERIAL KILLERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY. KNOWN FOR HIS BIZARRE, RAMBLING HANDWRITTEN LETTERS, THE ZODIAC SENT BAFFLING CIPHERS, QUOTED MUSICAL LYRICS, TAUNTED POLICE AND THREATENED TO SHOOT SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Unlike most serial killers, the Zodiac called police to report his crimes and wore a hooded costumer featuring his chosen symbol, the crossed circle. The Zodiac wounded two people and killed at least five others during the period between December 1968 and October 1969. More letters, postcards and other clues continued until 1971 when the Zodiac apparently disappeared. In January 1974, the San Francisco Chronicle received another letter which hinted at suicide and described the classic horror film *The Exorcist* as "the best sateri-

cal comidy." Hoax letters continued over the years but the infamous Zodiac vanished into the history books and a legend was born.

Decades later, the popular image of the Zodiac transformed into a criminal genius and expert marksman who claimed dozens of victims and escaped justice because law enforcement agencies refused to cooperate. This mythical Zodiac became the public version of the story and the remaining confusion surrounding unanswered questions fueled

ongoing speculation. Books, television documentaries, movies and websites provided conflicting and unreliable accounts while promoting various theories and suspects. The facts were often lost as the unsolved mystery continued to fascinate and haunt the world.

The legend of the Zodiac killer is based on many popular myths, but the facts tell a very different story.

MYTH #1: THE ZODIAC WAS AN EXPERT MARKSMAN

The popular portrait of the Zodiac depicts the killer as an expert marksman. Books, television shows, and websites often cite the killer's shooting skills as evidence that he may have received some military training with weapons. Author Robert Graysmith wrote in his 1986 book *Zodiac* that the first Zodiac crime at Lake Herman Road was an example of "incredible marksmanship." The television crime series *America's Most Wanted* listed details about the killer

which included the description "expert marksman" with possible military training.

The Zodiac shot five victims in three different attacks. In the first shooting, the killer shot one victim in the head at point blank range. Another victim was shot five times in the back as she was trying to run away. In the second attack, the killer walked up to a parked car and opened fire on the victims sitting inside. In the third shooting, the killer shot



THE LAKE HERMAN ROAD CRIME SCENE. (CREDIT: ZODIACKILLER.COM)

the victim in the head at point blank range. These shootings did not demonstrate any particular skill with weapons beyond the ability to point the gun and pull the trigger.

Graysmith told readers that victim Betty Lou Jensen was shot five times "in a tight pattern in the upper right portion of her back." The autopsy report and photographs taken

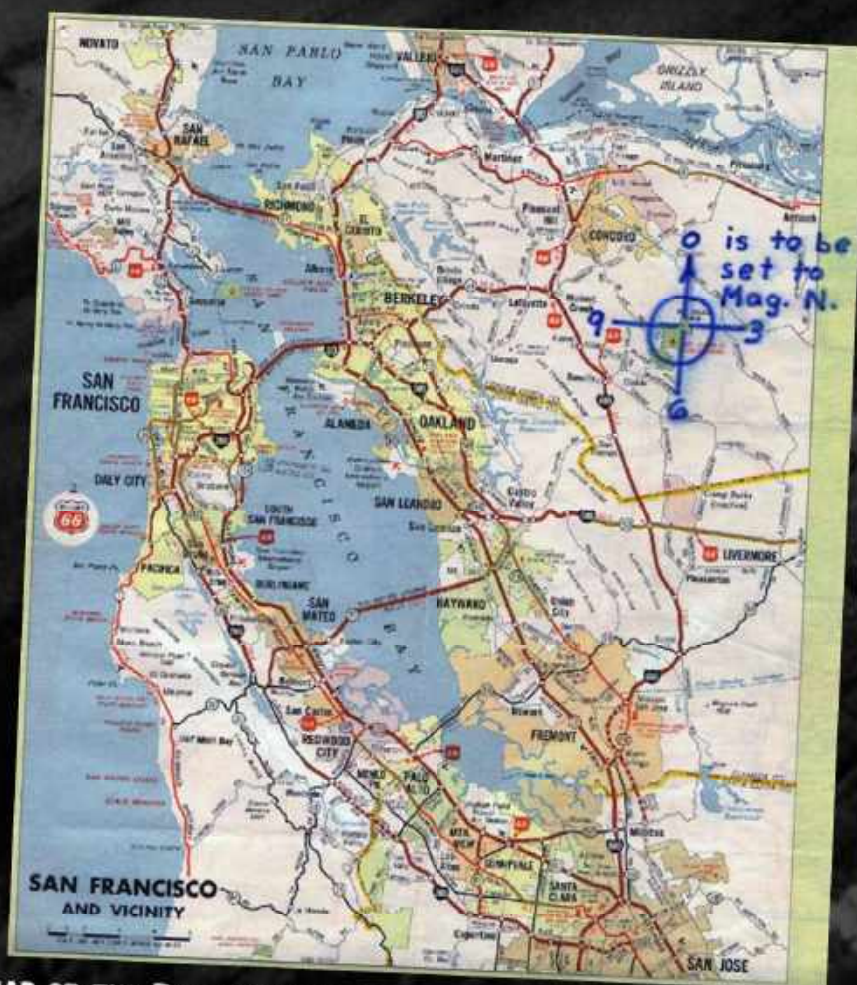
of the victim's body at the morgue proved that the wounds actually began at the lower back and continued upward to her right shoulder in a pattern which was not tight but scattered.

During the shooting at Blue Rock Springs Park, the killer shot two victims in a parked car. Michael Mageau was closest to the gun but he survived despite being shot in the

jaw. This shooting did not require any skill. Victims David Faraday and Paul Stine were both shot once in the head at point blank range in shootings which did not demonstrate or require any special skills with a weapon. The Zo-

diac may have had some military training with weapons and he may have been a skilled marksman, but the evidence does not indicate that the killer was an expert or that he had received any special training.

MYTH #2: THE ZODIAC CRIME SCENES FORM A GIANT RADIAN ANGLE



A MAP OF THE BAY AREA THE ZODIAC KILLER SENT TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. (CREDIT: ZODIACKILLERFACTS.COM)

In June 1970, a Zodiac letter included a code which was accompanied by a map of the Bay Area with a crossed circle drawn over the peak of Mt. Diablo. In another letter, the Zodiac wrote, "The Mt. Diablo code concerns radians & # inches along the radians." In 1980, amateur sleuth Gareth Penn claimed that the Zodiac crime scenes formed a giant "radian" angle on the surface of the earth.

In his book *Times 17*, Penn wrote that his father had worked for the California Department of Justice and told him about an unpublished clue from the so-called "Mt. Diablo letter." Penn wrote that the letter suggested that authorities would find "something interesting" if they placed a radian on Mount Diablo, located in Contra Costa County, east of Berkeley in North-

ern California. Penn wrote that he drew a radian on a map of the Bay Area, with the apex centered on the peak of Mt. Diablo, one leg of the angle fixed on the crime scene at Blue Rock Springs Park and the other leg fixed on the location of the last known Zodiac murder in San Francisco. According to Penn, these crime scenes formed one radian.

A radian is an angle valued between 57 and 58 degrees, or, 57.296, defined as "an angle subtended by an arc of a circle equal in length to the radius of a circle." The radian is the usual unit of measurement in higher mathematics, however, in applications of mathematics to surveying and navigation, the degree is more commonly used. The term "radian" is a contraction of the words "radius-angle."

The Zodiac wrote that his code and map concerned "radians," meaning more than one radian. In mathematics, radians are not always measured in full units; rather, radians can be measured in any numerical value. The Zodiac's clues do not concern a radian, but more than one radian, as in "radians." Penn's single radian theory also fails to account for the Zodiac's instructions regarding the Mt. Diablo map and code radians and a number of inches along the radians.

The Zodiac's map illustrated the Bay area, including San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, and the southern portion of Vallejo. The border of this map falls just north of Lake Herman Road, which is clearly visible at the top. Blue Rock Springs Park, not visible on this map, would appear just above its northern border. The

only other "Zodiac" crime scene visible on this map is the intersection of Washington & Cherry Streets in San Francisco, scene of the murder of cab driver Paul Stine on October 11, 1969. If the Zodiac's map, code and radians clues pertained to Blue Rock Springs Park, the Zodiac's map would be of little assistance in deciphering his clues. A killer who wanted the map to assist someone in finding a location would most likely select a map which included that location.



THE JULY 26TH, 1970, ZODIAC'S LETTER. (CREDIT: ZODIACKILLERFACTS.COM)

None of the Zodiac letters included the suggestion that authorities would find "something interesting" if they placed a radian on the peak of Mt. Diablo. Penn incorrectly stated that the shooting took place at the Blue Rock Springs golf course but the crime occurred across the street from the golf course at the parking lot of Blue Rock Springs Park. Penn incorrectly measured his radian when using the incorrect location of the golf course. The correct locations form an angle measured at approximately 60 degrees, far more than a radian.

Penn's locations, measurements and conclusions were incorrect, and the crime scenes did not form a radian, but his radian claim was repeated in popular books by crime author Colin Wilson and endorsed by many oth-

ers. Other amateur sleuths later adapted the radian myth to suit their own theories. In his book *Most Evil*, retired Los Angeles police detective Steve Hodel used the radian theory to support his claim that his father was responsible for the Zodiac crimes, the Black Dahlia murder, the Chicago "Lipstick" killings, and many other unsolved crimes. Dennis Kaufman also used the radian myth to accuse his stepfather. Another amateur sleuth later claimed that Gareth Penn was responsible for the Zodiac crimes.

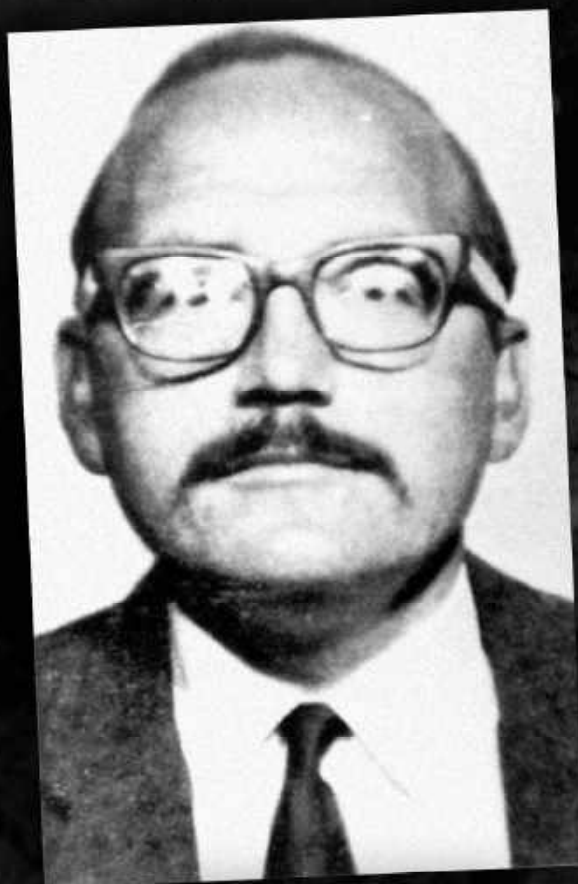
According to Gareth Penn's theory, the peak of Mt. Diablo, the crime scene in San Francisco and the crime scene in Vallejo all formed a radian angle between 57 and 58 degrees, but the correct measurement proves that the angle

formed by these locations is at least 60 degrees. The Zodiac's map and radian clues may concern a geometric construction usi-

ng geographic locations on a map, but the facts debunk Gareth Penn's radian theory.

MYTH #3: THE ZODIAC CRIMES WERE A HOAX OR THE WORK OF COPYCAT KILLERS

In his book *The Annals of Unsolved Crime*, famed JFK assassination researcher Edward J. Epstein wrote that the lack of any matching evidence at the Zodiac crime scenes or in the letters proved that one person could not have been responsible for all four of the Zodiac crimes and the Zodiac letters. According to Epstein, Zodiac suspect Arthur Leigh Allen could have been responsible for the first two attacks but a copycat or copycats were responsible for the stabbing at Lake Berryessa and the murder of a cab driver in San Francisco.



**PAUL STINE, VICTIM OF THE
ZODIAC KILLER.
(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLERFACTS.
COM)**

Epstein further stated that one or more persons had committed the Zodiac crimes while a different person wrote the Zodiac letters. According to Epstein, the letter writer was a journalist or a police officer who had to have access to police files and information about the crimes.

Epstein's theory worked backward from the pre-conceived notion that Arthur Leigh Allen must have been the Zodiac and then discarded and dismissed evidence which conflicted with his assumptions. Epstein's certainty of Allen's guilt appeared to be based on an eyewitness identification of the suspect.

On the night of July 4, 1969, Michael Mageau and Darlene Ferrin were sitting in a car at Blue Rock Springs Park when a man appeared and

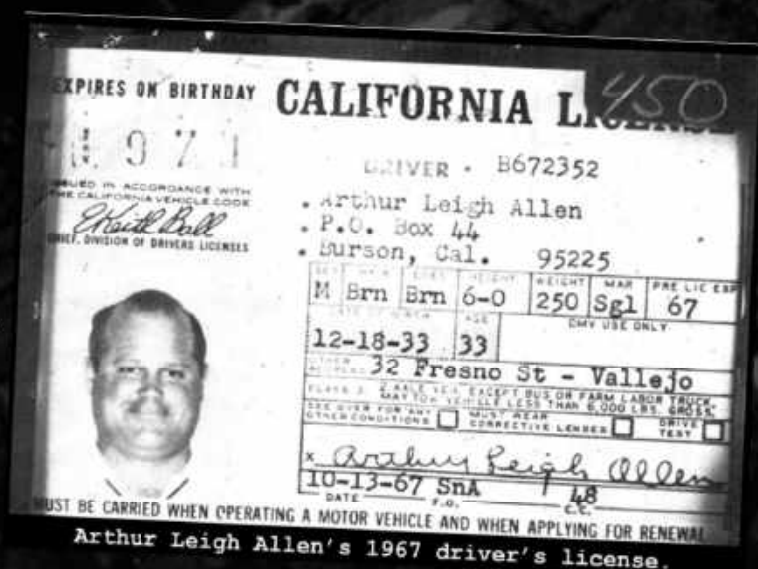
flashed a bright light into their vehicle. Shots rang out and Michael and Darlene were both wounded. Mageau told police that he did not get a good look at the shooter and only caught a brief, profile-view glimpse as the man was walking away. Vallejo detective Ed Rust interviewed Mageau at the hospital three days after the shooting, and he did not believe that Mageau could identify the killer.

More than two decades later, retired Vallejo police detective George Bawart met with surviving victim Michael Mageau at the Ontario airport on August 16, 1991. Bawart displayed a collection of photographs featuring several men, including Zodiac suspect Arthur Leigh Allen. Mageau pointed to Allen's picture and said, "That's him. That's the man who shot

me." When asked if he was sure, Mageau pointed to a photograph of another man and said, "He had a face like him." Mageau essentially told Bawart that Allen committed the crime while wearing another person's face. Police did not believe that Mageau's identification was reliable or accurate. In 1969, Mageau provided a description of the killer which did not match Allen or his appearance at that time. In a 2007 interview, Mageau said that he hoped the killer would someday be identified, although he had already identified Allen as the killer and Allen had died in 1992.

The evidence did not indicate that Allen was responsible for the Zodiac crimes or the Zodiac letters. Handwriting experts concluded that Allen did not write the letters, a fingerprint believed to be the Zodiac's did not match Allen, Allen did not match descriptions provided by eyewitnesses, Allen's DNA did not match DNA found on the envelopes used by the Zodiac, and a palm print found on a Zodiac letter did not match Allen. A police officer who reportedly saw the Zodiac near a crime scene stated that the man was not Allen.

**ARTHUR LEIGH ALLEN'S
1967 DRIVER'S LICENSE.
(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLER-
FACTS.COM)**



Epstein's theory that the third and fourth Zodiac attacks were the work of copycats was not supported by evidence and relied on many implausible scenarios. The theory that the Zodiac letters were forged by a journalist or someone working in law enforcement ignored important facts about the crimes.

Several handwriting experts had concluded that one person was responsible for the original Zodiac letters. In the third Zodiac attack, the killer left a handwritten message on the victim's car and a handwriting expert concluded that writer of the Zodiac letters was responsible for the car message. The boot prints of the killer led from the crime scene to the message on the car door. After the fourth Zodiac attack, the killer mailed a letter accompanied by

a piece of the victim's bloodstained shirt. Handwriting experts concluded that the letter was written by the author of the Zodiac letters. The handwriting was directly linked to the killer, and Epstein did not present any credible evidence implicating any journalist or investigator in the forgery of Zodiac letters.



**THE BLOODY SHIRT OF PAUL
STINE.**

(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLER.COM)

The facts indicated crimes and the letters. that the most logical Other scenarios required and plausible explanation was that one man many coincidences, conspiracies, and copycat was responsible for the killers.

MYTH #4: THE ZODIAC CRIMES WERE LINKED TO THE MANSON FAMILY



THE MANSON FAMILY LEADER CHARLES MANSON ARRESTED.
(CREDIT: NEW YORK POST)

Charles Manson and his "family" of killers became famous after a brutal series of murders in Southern California. Some of the family members had left messages written in blood at the crime scenes. Charles Manson and oth-

er family members spent time in the San Francisco Bay Area, leading some to speculate that the Manson family was somehow connected to the Zodiac murders.

A report written by Department of Justice Special Agent Mel Nicolai stated that the Zodiac investigation included an examination of "all male members of the Charles Manson family." SFPD Inspector Bill Armstrong traveled to Los Angeles to investigate the possible Zodiac/Manson connection but found no evidence to support the theory.

In his book *The Family*, author Ed Sanders noted that Inyo County District Attorney Frank Fowles had investigated the possible Zodiac/Manson connection but offered no evidence that any connection existed.

Conspiracy radio host Mae Brussell speculated that the Manson murders were part of a government plot involving brainwashing, satanic cults, and the CIA. Brussell theorized that the same group of sinister conspirators was also responsible for Zodiac killings in California and the "Son of Sam" shootings in New York.

Zodiac/Manson conspiracy theorist Howard Davis claimed that a relative of one Manson victim had hired private investigators who uncovered evidence that the Manson family was responsible for the Zodiac crimes. Davis also claimed that a "pristine source" in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office revealed that the original investigation into the Manson murders had uncovered evidence linking Manson to Zodiac, including the

hooded costume worn by the Zodiac during the stabbing at Lake Berryessa. According to Davis, his source also stated that authorities in Southern California conspired to conceal this important evidence.



crimes and the letters. Other scenarios required many coincidences, conspiracies, and copycat killers.

The alleged Zodiac/Manson suspect Bruce Davis was convicted for the murders of music teacher Gary Hinman and ranch hand Shorty Shea. Howard Davis claimed that those behind the cover-up feared that another trial would somehow jeopardize the previous convictions. A Zodiac prosecution would not somehow undo Bruce Davis's previous murder convictions.

Manson prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi dismissed the conspiracy claims as "preposterous on its face

**A SKETCH OF THE HOODED COSTUME WORN BY THE ZODIAC KILLER DURING THE STABBING AT LAKE BERRYESSA.
(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLERFACTS.COM)**

and obviously 100% wrong," and added, "I reject it completely out of hand." Bugliosi noted the illogical scenario, "If Manson committed more murders than the Manson murders, why would anyone want to protect him on that?... It makes no sense... What you're talking about is a crime, obstruction of justice... A massive conspiracy of many, many people being involved, for no believable reason."

Howard Davis also claimed that Vincent Bugliosi had endorsed the Zodiac/Manson theory. Bugliosi denied that he had ever endorsed the theory and said, "I've never heard of anything to support that allegation. I doubt it very much. I think it would have come out by now."

The "pristine source" inside the LA DA's office

was identified and he denied that he had ever made such statements to Howard Davis. He dismissed the conspiracy tale as absurd. "I can't believe that whoever suggested it has any credibility whatsoever." He further described Davis as a "nutjob" also known for "some extraordinarily bizarre and fanciful so-called investigative insight into the Mormon church." In 1977, Davis and others published a book titled *Who Really Wrote the Book of Mormon Book?* which claimed that the Book of Mormon was a work of plagiarism. Davis claimed that he and his co-authors had received death threats and that the Mormon church was trying to seize control of the U.S. economy. "I'm dead serious about this... But our lives are definitely in danger... Please don't think we're afraid... We are not

afraid... trying to fight a multi-billion dollar organization that is trying to take over the economy of the United States.”

The so-called “Zodiac/Manson connection” re-

mains a popular myth and a common theory on many websites, but the available evidence does not indicate that Charles Manson and his followers were involved in the Zodiac crimes.

MYTH #5: THE ZODIAC KILLED DOZENS OF VICTIMS

In his letters and in telephone calls to police, the Zodiac claimed credit for six specific crimes and mentioned one other attack but did not identify the victim. During the phone call to the Vallejo Police Department after the shooting at Blue Rock Springs Park, the caller claimed that he was responsible for that attack and also said that he had killed some kids “last year,” an apparent reference to the murders on Lake Herman Road.

In his first two letters,

the Zodiac described the shootings on Lake Herman Road and at Blue Rock Springs Park. At the scene of the stabbings at Lake Berryessa, the attacker left a handwritten message on the door of a victim’s car which included the dates of the two shootings with the date of the knife attack. In the letter sent after the murder of cab driver Paul Stine, the Zodiac claimed that he had killed Stine and the “people in the North bay area,” an apparent reference to the previous attacks.



**INSPECTOR DAVE TOSCHI WORKING AT THE STINE MURDER SCENE.
(CREDIT: QUESTERSITE)**

After media reports linked him to the unsolved murder of Riverside City College student Cheri Jo Bates, the Zodiac wrote, "I do have to give them credit for stumbling across my Riverside activity but they are only finding the easy ones there are a hell of a lot more of them down there." After media reports linked him to the failed abduction of a pregnant woman and her ten month old daughter, the Zodiac sent another letter about a "rather interesting ride" with a woman and her baby. Another Zodiac letter asked

that Bay Area residents wear "Zodiac" buttons. In a subsequent letter, the Zodiac stated he was angered when citizens did not comply with his demand. He wrote that he had punished the people by shooting a man sitting in a parked car.

A report prepared by the California Department of Justice included a list of possible Zodiac victims. Robert Graysmith's book *Zodiac* included a list of possible Zodiac victims and the book cover stated that the killer was possibly responsible for fifty murders.

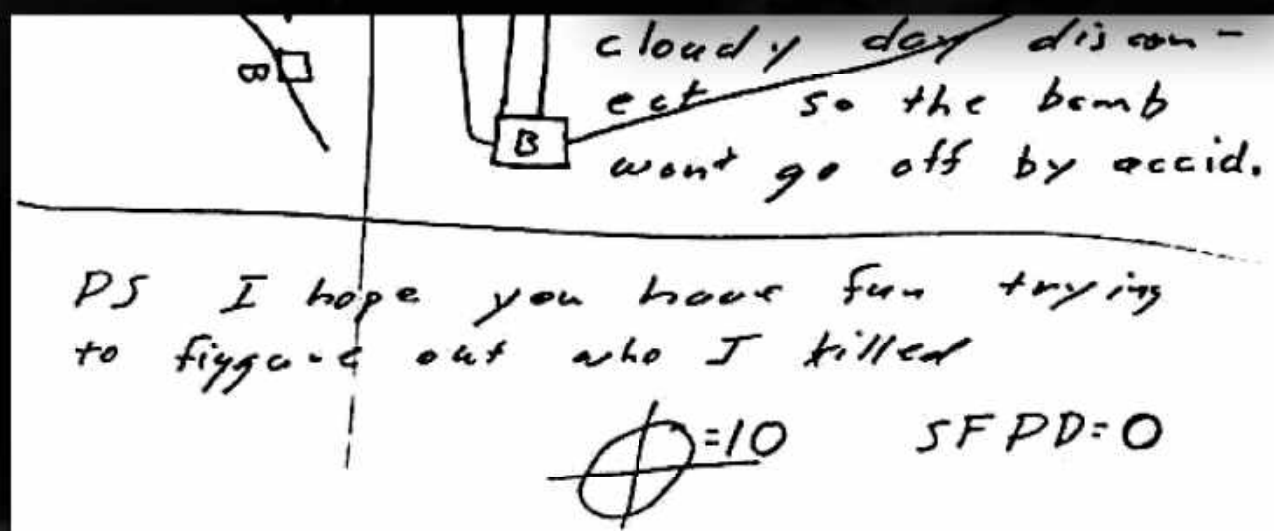
Speculation about the actual number of Zodiac victims was complicated by the Zodiac's habit of including a "box score" at the end of some letters which featured the killer's crossed-circle symbol and a number followed by "SFPD = O." One of the last Zodiac letters featured a box score of thirty-seven, leading to the assumption that the killer had claimed thirty-seven victims. The true meaning of the box score remains unknown.

Amateur sleuths, reporters, crime buffs and others have tried to link the Zodiac to other crimes.

Sonoma County Sgt. "Butch" Carlstedt made headlines with his theory that the Zodiac was responsible for many murders across the country and the locations of the crime scenes formed a giant "Z" on a map of the United States.

Despite the many theories and the Zodiac's vague references to possible unidentified victims, the available evidence does not connect the killer to crimes other than the original six cases traditionally attributed to the Zodiac.

ONE OF ZODIAC'S TAUNTING BOX SCORES.



MYTH #6: THE ZODIAC TOOK CREDIT FOR CRIMES HE DID NOT COMMIT

The Zodiac's habit of including a "box score" at the end of some Zodiac letters was understandably interpreted by many observers as a victim count. Media reports repeatedly linked the Zodiac to many unsolved crimes despite the fact that the evidence did not establish any connection. The Zodiac did not deny or confirm his involvement in other crimes despite ongoing news reports suggesting that he was responsible.

The evidence demonstrates that the Zodiac only took credit for six specific crimes: the murders on Lake Herman Road, the shootings at Blue Rock Springs Park, the stabbings at Lake Berryessa, the murder of a cab driver in San Fran-



THE FUNERAL OF CHERI JO BATES.

cisco, the murder of Cheri Jo Bates in Riverside, and the failed abduction of Kathleen Johns in March 1970. While the killer did allude to other crimes, the available evidence does not connect the Zodiac to any other attacks.

All of the suspected Zodiac crimes remain unsolved, and the identity of the real killer remains unknown. The evidence indicates that the Zodiac remains the most logical suspect in these cases.

MYTH #7: POLICE WERE ABOUT TO ARREST A MAJOR SUSPECT BUT HE DIED

In 1994, The San Francisco Chronicle published a story written by Rider McDowell regarding retired police officer Harvey Hines and his suspect Larry Kane. Vallejo Police Captain Roy Conway dismissed the suspect and said, "I believe as I always have that the Zodiac was Arthur Leigh Allen. If I could show Harvey what evidence we have on Allen today, he would get off this kick immediately. Unfortunately I can't do that for legal reasons." He further claimed, "If Allen were alive today, we would file charges against him as the Zodiac. Unfortunately, we ran out of time making a case against him and he died."

Retired Department of Justice agent Fred Shirasago disagreed. "Arthur

Leigh Allen is not the Zodiac... If Conway had evidence proving Allen was the Zodiac, he'd have shown it to the DOJ, which he hasn't." When Allen was alive, Vallejo District Attorney Mike Nail was not impressed by the evidence against the suspect and said, "I really suspect that nothing's going to come of it."

At the time of Allen's death, the Vallejo Police Department had not produced any credible evidence to implicate Allen in the Zodiac crimes. Allen's estranged friend claimed that Allen had once confessed his desire to commit crimes, write letters and call himself "Zodiac." This informant later created more stories about Allen, and even retired Vallejo detective

George Bawart concluded that the friend was not a credible witness.



**ARTHUR LEIGH ALLEN IN 1960.
(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLER.COM)**

Handwriting experts had also concluded that Allen did not write the Zodiac letters, including the letters which claimed credit for the murder of Darlene Ferrin at Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo. The only alleged link between this crime and Arthur Leigh Allen was an unreliable eyewitness identification from sur-

living victim Michael Mageau. This evidence did not justify filing criminal charges against Allen for the Ferrin murder. Responsible prosecutors would not pursue charges against Allen based on the available evidence, and any reasonably competent defense attorney could win an acquittal in a court of law.

MYTH #8: THE ZODIAC CALLED A TV SHOW WITH ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI



**ATTORNEY MELVIN BELLI AT JIM DUNBAR'S SHOW.
(CREDIT: THE QUESTER FILES)**

In his book *Zodiac Unmasked*, author Robert Graysmith told readers that the Zodiac called the home of attorney Melvin Belli and declared, "Today's my birthday." According to Graysmith, this call occurred on December 18, the birthdate of his suspect Arthur Leigh Allen.

The film adaptation of Graysmith's books included a scene which showed investigators sharing this information with Graysmith. Another scene is a reenactment of a television broadcast featuring Belli and host Jim Dunbar talking with a caller who claimed to be the Zodiac.

On October 22, 1969, someone placed a telephone call to the Oakland Police Department and claimed to be the Zodiac. The caller demanded that attorneys Melvin Bel-

li or F. Lee Bailey appear on the Bay Area talk show hosted by Jim Dunbar. Belli lived in San Francisco near the television station, so he appeared for the broadcast. A man called into the show and used the name "Sam" during the subsequent conversation. Belli also spoke with the man off the air, but police were unable to trace Sam's calls and the identity of the caller remained unknown.

After the broadcast, police played recordings of Sam's voice for the three people who had spoken to the Zodiac. Surviving victim Bryan Hartnell and police dispatchers David Slaight and Nancy Slover all agreed that Sam was not the Zodiac.

Weeks later, a Zodiac letter arrived at Belli's home accompanied by a piece of a victim's blood stained

shirt. After the resulting publicity, "Sam" began calling Belli's home. Police set up a trace and eventually discovered that the calls originated from a mental hospital. An FBI report dated February 14, 1970 stated that telephone calls to Belli's home had been traced to a patient at the hospital, and authorities concluded that he was not the Zodiac.



**POLICE PLAYING RECORDINGS OF SAM'S VOICE FOR THE
THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD SPOKEN TO THE ZODIAC.
(CREDIT: RATTER.COM)**

In the film *Zodiac*, Robert Graysmith cites the December 18th "birthday" call to Belli's home and shows a copy of Arthur Leigh Allen's driver's license to SFPD Inspector David Toschi. The fictional Toschi seemed impressed by this evidence, but the real-life Toschi knew that the person who called Belli's home was

not the Zodiac.

The FBI report indicated that the telephone call to Belli's home had occurred in February 1970 and not on December 18, 1969, as Graysmith claimed.

The facts indicated that one individual placed the calls to the Dunbar show, but the movie *Zodiac* suggested that two people made the calls.

Belli confirmed that he had talked with only one person. The official documents demonstrate that police did not believe that the individual who called Belli's home was the Zodiac. The FBI files demonstrate that the individual who called Belli's home was identified and that person was not Graysmith's suspect, Arthur Leigh Allen.

MYTH #9: THE ZODIAC INVESTIGATORS DID NOT COOPERATE

During a 2007 appearance on the television crime series *America's Most Wanted*, author Robert Graysmith told host John Walsh, "I really wanted this guy caught, John. He was giving us so much information, the clues were so tantalizing. I realized that the police departments in the different counties were not

sharing." Graysmith and other amateur sleuths often claimed that jurisdictional conflicts somehow hindered the investigation and permitted the killer to escape justice.

In the film *Zodiac*, Graysmith's character is given brief access to the Vallejo police reports and searches the files for in-

formation he later gives to Toschi. The film implies that Toschi was unable to read the files himself, when, in fact, Toschi was given a copy of the Vallejo police files and had full access to the information gathered by the various agencies involved in the investigation. In another scene, the character of Vallejo detective Jack Mulanax complains about a lack of cooperation from the San Francisco investigators.

All of the available evidence indicated that the various law enforcement agencies drawn into the hunt for the Zodiac cooperated and shared information. The overwhelming majority of those involved in the actual investigations have said that virtually everyone cooperated and shared information on a regular basis. A few individuals claimed that others had

failed to share important information but they did not provide any specific examples and did not explain how these specific failures had ever hindered the investigation.

Police reports, FBI files, and other documents produced during the decades of investigation reveal that virtually all of the various agencies involved had access to virtually all of the available information regarding the crimes attributed to the Zodiac and the investigations conducted by the Benicia Police Department, the Vallejo Police Department, the Napa County Sheriff's Office, the San Francisco Police Department and the California State Department of Justice.

In 1969, DOJ Agent Mel Nicolai was assigned to coordinate the investigations. Nicolai's reports

repeatedly stated that the various investigators were made aware of new information, and the retired agent later said that stories of infighting, jurisdictional jealousies, and a lack of cooperation were "bullshit."

MYTH #10: THE ZODIAC KNEW AND STALKED HIS VICTIMS



DARLENE FERRIN AND MICHAEL MAGEAU.

(CREDIT: ZODIACKILLERFACTS.COM)

On the night of July 4, 1969, Darlene Ferrin and her friend Michael Mageau were sitting in a car at the parking lot of Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo, California. Another vehicle arrived and

a man shined a bright light into Darlene's car. Michael and Darlene speculated that the man was a police officer until he opened fire with a gun. Michael and Darlene were shot several times

before the man finally left the scene. Michael survived but Darlene was dead on arrival at a Vallejo hospital.

Police investigated the possibility that Darlene was killed by someone she knew, including her ex-husband and others. Investigators searched for any information which indicated that anyone had any reason to kill Darlene, and her family, friends, co-workers and others were asked if anyone had been bothering or threatening her. Some people noted that one man named George had been harassing Darlene at her place of work.

Police investigated and the man's wife claimed she was with George at the time of the shooting at Blue Rock Springs Park. No other potential stalkers were identified during the investigation.

Months after the murder, some members of Darlene's family met with celebrity psychic Joseph DeLouise. Darlene's mother told DeLouise that Darlene had made a cryptic remark just hours before she died, "You might read about me in the papers tomorrow." Darlene's mother had not mentioned this potentially important information during any of her conversations with police. Later, Darlene's sisters and others would claim that she had been part of a satanic cult, had known other Zodiac victims, and had been stalked by a man who committed a previous murder. No one mentioned this seemingly important information to investigators searching for Darlene's killer.

Over the years, more stories circulated that the killer had known Darlene and attended a party in

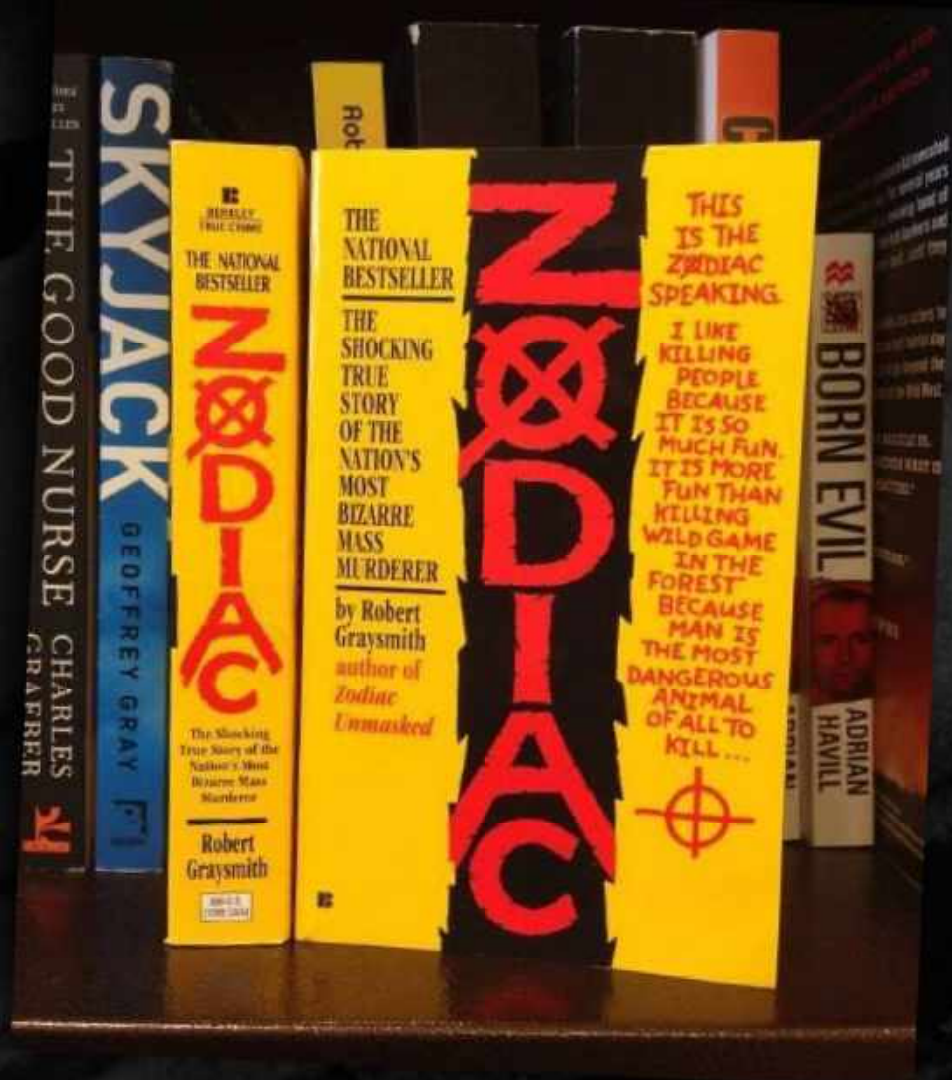
her home. These stories were later repeated as fact in Robert Graysmith's 1986 book *Zodiac*. Darlene's sister Pam appeared in numerous interviews on television shows such as *The Sally Jessy Raphael Show* and Geraldo Rivera's tabloid TV series *Now It Can Be Told*. She claimed that Darlene had known another Zodiac victim, was part of a satanic cult, witnessed a murder and was killed to prevent her from identifying the killer. Pam also claimed that someone broke into her home, knocked her unconscious, and stole important evidence which supported her various claims.

Surviving victim Michael Mageau told police that he and Darlene were sitting in the car when the killer walked up and opened fire without warning. Michael said that the

man did not speak before, during or after the shooting. In his book, Graysmith wrote that Pam claimed that Mageau later said that the killer had chased he and Darlene to the crime scene and then called out Darlene's nickname, "Dee," just before the shooting started. Michael Mageau and Pam never shared this information with investigators.

The sensational stories about Darlene Ferrin became popular myths repeated by many amateur sleuths. New theories claimed connections between Darlene and various suspects, adding to the confusion surrounding the actual circumstances of her murder.

During many media interviews, Graysmith claimed that Allen had known and stalked all of the Zodiac victims.



ROBERT GRAYSMITH'S ZODIAC. (CREDIT: GOODREADS)

Graysmith's books did not contain any evidence to support these claims.

Allen's estranged friend Don Cheney read Graysmith's books and then began telling a new story about Allen and Zodiac victim Darlene Fer-

rin. According to Cheney, he and Allen went to the restaurant where Darlene worked. Allen pointed to Darlene and expressed interest in her. Cheney told many new stories and claimed that Allen had taken him to a Zodiac crime scene, bragged

that he was hired to kill Darlene, and discussed his plans to abduct young women. By 2007, Cheney's ever-changing tales caused many of his original supporters to question his credibility. Retired Vallejo police detective George Bawart said that he no longer believed Cheney was a credible witness.

The available evidence indicated that Allen did not know any of the victims. The original investigation of the Zodiac crimes included efforts to discover any link between the victims and the killer. The evidence indicated that the killer did not know his victims and that he selected them at random.

More than four decades after the killer's last known murder, the Zodiac continues to haunt the public imagination. Like many other infamous crime stories, the Zodiac mystery is retold and recreated by different narrators with different viewpoints and agendas. The fact-based portrait of the real-life Zodiac is overshadowed by a modern American myth.

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WHY PARENTS KILL THEIR OWN CHILDREN?

BY DR. RJ PARKER

WE CONSIDER MOTHERS TO HOLD THE HIGHEST STATUS IN OUR LIVES. FOR A SON, THERE IS NO GREATER BEING ON THIS PLANET THAN HIS MOTHER. SHE GIVES BIRTH TO THE CHILD, CARES FOR HIM WHEN HE IS AT HIS MOST VULNERABLE STAGE, UNABLE TO EAT OR DRINK, AND SHE FEEDS HIM HER OWN MILK.

Suffice to say, the role of a mother is one that cannot be explained properly in words. What she does for her child is the real example of true love; she does everything for him, without ever wanting anything back.

However, throughout the history of time, we have learned that there is no end to the cruelty of mankind. We commit the most heinous crimes, sometimes the most unthinkable acts and yet, we never learn. The bond between a mother and her child is a sacred one. The powers of love, care, and

trust that bind this bond are so strong that it is a bond virtually unbreakable. A mother cannot lose her child, and when she does, she is heartbroken.

Similarly, a child cannot lose his mother. If he does, through any incident, he will forever miss her. Children look up to their mothers, considering them to be a shelter for them. The minute she gives birth, the status of an ordinary woman is elevated to a sacred one; that of a mother. Certain expectations are attached to her role, her responsibilities increase

and in virtually every religion, the position of a mother is an exalted one.

Throughout our lives, we have read stories of the bravery of mothers to support and help their children. We have read of single mothers who bore all of the hardships of life just so that they could provide for their children. You might have heard of numerous women out there who even sold their bodies just so that they could earn enough to support their young ones.

However, the stories you are about to read are true, albeit very different than what we have grown up believing about our mothers. It is a sad instance of how deep one can fall as a victim to drugs, addictions, and insanity.

The term 'filicide' is a funny one. Sometimes, I

doubt whether this word should even exist in the dictionary or not. Filicide is a word that means the killing of children by their own parents. Can a man be capable of doing such a thing? We grow up being loved and adored by our parents. Sure, not everybody has a perfect life. Some children are born and raised in broken families, having to move from one place to another, switching houses between father and mother. Sometimes, things are worse. The parents are drunk and abusive and often use the children as a means of venting out their frustrations, beating them and abusing their rights as parents.

Even though bad parenting is a pretty big issue, most parents still show undying love for their children. And that is how it should be, of course. We have all received the oc-



casional spanking from our parents, especially mothers, yet biologically, the mind of a child is engineered in such a way that he/she only finds relief, security, and safety when they are in the arms of their mothers. This is how it's supposed to be; it feels natural and automated. Even if you take a cursory look at the news, you will find that the number of stories regarding struggling single mothers who are willing to go to any extent to support their children and help them in any way possible is much higher. The number of stories that you might read regarding the abuse of children by their own mothers is obviously much lesser in comparison, and that is what our society is like; it's how our minds are engineered to be..

Whenever we hear about instances of cruelty from

parents on their children, we are often confused. Why would a parent hit their own offspring? Or abuse them? More often than not, the blame goes to their mental conditions. Most parents often become mentally unstable whenever things tend to go out of hand. Imagine a single mother, tired of fighting with society for herself and her child, jobless, trying to support two people. How long would you expect her to keep sane? Often times, the parents release their frustration on the child, and as a child grows, he/she eventually realizes that. Yet, it is a heartless, shameful act to subject one's own child to cruelty.

The stories that follow go against everything we have been taught and have learned. We perceive mothers to be the epitome of care and sup-

port, yet mankind teaches us cruel lessons.

FILICIDE IS THE INTENDED ACT OF A PARENT KILLING HIS OR HER OWN CHILD. THE ACT IS ALSO REGARDED AS AN OFFENSE SINCE IT AMOUNTS TO MURDER. TO MOST OF THE SOCIETY, FILICIDE APPEARS VERY UNNATURAL AND INHUMANE, YET A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS EXIST WHO DO KILL THEIR OFFSPRING. MANY RESEARCHERS AND SCHOLARS HAVE ASSOCIATED THESE TRAGEDIES AS BEING CAUSED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. ACCORDING TO JILL PROUDFOOT OF THE AUCKLAND SAFER HOMES, THREATS OF VIOLENCE ARE A COMMON HAPPENING IN RELATIONSHIPS AND IT IS THE USE OF SUCH THREATS THAT KEEPS A WOMAN IN A GIVEN RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL THE PARENTS WHO COMMIT THIS ACT HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS.

THE CAUSES OF FILICIDE

Researchers point to numerous possible reasons behind incidents of filicide. Some of them are as follows:

ALTRUISM

In this instance, a parent murders his or her child in order to end some form of suffering that the child may be experiencing. The suffering of the child may

be in form of incapacity both of the mind or body. A parent may thus become so depressed by the condition of the child and cannot stand the idea of leaving the child to suffer, hence reasoning that ending the child's life is the only way of helping. Other times the child may not be really suffering but exhibits the signs of suffering or incapacitation.

ACUTE PSYCHOSIS

In some instances, filicide is caused by a parent who has a defect of reasoning or is mentally ill. This mainly happens when there is no reasonable explanation to account for the murder of the child. In the 2001 case of Andrea Yates, who was accused of drowning her children in a bathtub, she was found to be laboring from insanity and found not guilty for killing her five children. She psychically believed that upon maturity, her babies will come to harm and that she was helping by saving them from that harm.



PROSECUTOR KAYLYNN WILLIFORD ADDRESSES THE JURY DURING CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN ANDREA YATES' RETRIAL. (CREDIT: CNN)

AN UNWANTED CHILD

This is quite self-explanatory. If a parent does not like or love his or her child and feels that the child is a big drawback to the goals of his or her life, this may push the parent to get rid of the child so as to be set free.

CHILD MALTREATMENT

Many reported filicides are caused as a result of child maltreatment. This essentially involves a tragic accident that occurs during child abuse. The parent may think that he is punishing the child and in the process goes too far such that grievous harm is caused or at times instant deaths.

SPOUSAL REVENGE

Filicide caused as a result of spousal revenge is rare, as not many reasonable parents would willingly harm their children to get back at their spouse. But there are some instances when parents kill their children for revenge. Sometimes it is referred to as Medea Syndrome, which is translated from Greek mythology. In the myth, Medea murders her child so as to inflict suffering to her husband, Jason, who was alleged to be having an affair. There are other causes that are independent of the above; a good example is probably the famous case of Susan Smith who was accused in 1994 of drowning her two children in a lake. In her hearing, she pleaded insanity but was sentenced to

life imprisonment when the court found out that she had murdered her children because the man she wanted to be with did not want children.



SUSAN SMITH. (CREDIT: NBC NEWS)

According to experts, these parents usually don't understand the consequences of what they are doing during the act. It is also clear that in order to evade such tragedies in the future, we should focus on the prevention. This can be done through family and friends being there for troubled parents, enabling them to deal maturely with the stress by getting help.

IN HIS BOOK PARENTS WHO KILLED THEIR CHILDREN, DR. RJ PARKER PROVIDES A GRIPPING OVERVIEW OF HOW THINGS CAN GO HORRIBLY WRONG IN ONCE-LOVING FAMILIES. PARENTS WHO KILLED THEIR CHILDREN DEPICTS TEN OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS AND HORRIFIC CASES OF HOMICIDAL PARENTAL UNITS OUT OF CONTROL.



10 SERIAL KILLERS WITH THE MOST BIZARRE KILLING RITUALS

EVERY SERIAL KILLER HAS HIS OWN METHOD OF OPERATION. THE METHOD OF OPERATION, ALSO KNOWN AS MODUS OPERANDI, CONSISTS OF TECHNIQUES, HABITS, AND PECULIARITIES IN KILLER'S BEHAVIOR. BASICALLY, IT STANDS FOR THE WAY THE SERIAL KILLER COMMITS HIS CRIME. AND LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, A KILLER LEARNS FROM HIS EXPERIENCE.

Within time, serial killers modify and perfect their MOs, so investigators must be aware of the improvements or adjustments to them. The killer may find a more efficient way to kill someone or a quicker way to abduct his victim.

In most cases modus operandi is a way to connect crimes to a certain serial offender, but sometimes they perform unusual and bizarre acts and routines that aren't considered a part of their method of operation. While some of them may serve as a signature of a killer, which gives him some kind of an emotional satisfaction, the other part simply can't be explained in any way.

1. ANDREI CHIKATILO

In 1990, after a 12 year killing career, Andrei Chikatilo was arrested and convicted of killing more than 50 young people in the Soviet Union. Chikatilo mostly targeted females or runaways of various ages, and approached them at bus and train stations using some



ANDREI CHIKATILO'S MUGSHOT.

(CREDIT: WIKIPEDIA)

simple ruse, such as offering them money, drugs, alcohol, or, in the cases of his child victims, toys and candy. This eventually let him to lure his victims to a nearby forest, tie them up with rope, and kill them by stabbing in order to gain sexual release.

The killer often mutilated his victims, gouged their eyes out, believing they contained a snapshot of the last thing they saw,

eviscerated their stomachs, chewed off their noses, and even cut out tongues and genitals. In some cases, his bizarre and sadistic methods of killing included dancing naked around his victims and howling like an animal.

Although a 60-day psychiatric evaluation revealed that Chikatilo was suffering from borderline personality disorder with

sadistic features, he was legally sane and competent to stand trial.

It is worth mentioning, that as a result of the Butcher of Rostov investigation, more than 1000 unrelated crimes, including 95 murders and 245 rapes, were solved.

2. THE ORIGINAL NIGHT STALKER



**EAST AREA RAPIST SKETCH.
(CREDIT: LOS ANGELES MAGAZINE)**

Not many serial rapists become a serial killers. But the Original Night Stalker is an exclusion. The Original Night Stalker, also known as the East Area Rapist and Diamond Knot Killer, is an unidentified and mysterious rapist and serial killer, who is responsible for more than 10 murders and 50 rapes in Southern California from 1979 through 1986.

The killer was traveling around middle- to upper-middle-class neighborhoods in search of potential victims, who were living in single-story houses on or near cul-de-sacs or adjacent to vacant fields, schools, parks, creeks, or construction sites. The ONS typically entered a house at night, woke the occupants, and threatened them with a handgun. After tying them up and killing males by bludgeoning, he sexu-

sexually assaulted their partners before murdering them as well.

One of the most interesting aspects of these crimes has been the Original Night Stalker's behavior at the crime scene. Before becoming a serial killer, during some of the rapes, he sat down and cried, called the women by their first names, and made personal statements about himself in front of victims.

During the investigation, investigators compiled a psychological profile of the Original Night Stalker, stating that the killer was around 18-25 years old at the time the crimes were committed, so it's most likely that the ONS is still alive, hiding his deadly secrets behind the mask of sanity.

3. TED BUNDY AND GARY RIDGWAY



GARY RIDGWAY.
(CREDIT: PINTEREST)

After being transferred to Florida's death row in 1986, the notorious serial killer Ted Bundy contacted Dave Reichert, a young detective, who had been working the case of the Green River killer and offered his help to stop the infamous killer from killing again.

Bundy had written to Reichert after seeing his picture in articles about the

the Green River killer. In his letter, Ted Bundy wrote: "Don't ask me why I believe I'm an expert in this area, just accept that I am and we'll start from there."

Although the "Green River Killer" Gary Ridgway was caught after matching his DNA with the semen found on the victims' bodies, Bundy's insights into the mind of

a serial killer were valuable enough. And it shouldn't be a surprise. Despite the fact that Ted Bundy and Gary Ridgway had different methods of operation, they had one practice in common. Bundy often revisited his victims, whom he had dumped at a site in Taylor Mountain. He applied makeup to the corpses, had sex with them, and lay with the corpses for hours afterward. Ridgway practiced the same routine - he returned to the dumping sites to watch the bodies decompose and change color and engaged in sexual acts with them.

4. ALEXANDER PICHUSHKIN



ALEXANDER PICHUSHKIN INCARCERATED.
(CREDIT: TUMBLR)

Once again, we're back to Russia. "The Chessboard Killer" Alexander Pichushkin is another notorious Russian serial killer, believed to have killed between 49 and 60 people, in southwest Moscow's Bitsa Park, where a number of the victims' bodies were found. During his trial, as with Andrei Chikatilo, Pichushkin was housed in a glass cage for his own protection. This isn't the only link between the two. Russian media have speculated that the Chessboard Killer was motivated by a competition with Chikatilo.

His real aim was to kill a person for every tile on a chessboard, which was found in his home and dated on all but 2 tiles,

which supposedly were the dates for each murder.

Pichushkin's method of operation was basically the same every time, with some slight differences. Most of his victims were elderly men, with only three of them being women. Pichushkin usually invited them to drink vodka and when they were thoroughly intoxicated, he hit them in the back of the head with a hammer or similar object. The most unusual part of his killings was shoving the empty vodka bottle through the wound afterwards. It is believed that the ramming of the bottle they had been drinking from into his victims' head was to assure their death.

5. ISRAEL KEYES



ISRAEL KEYES.
(CREDIT: ISCIENCETIMES)

One of the most recently apprehended serial killers, Israel Keyes, committed a long series of rapes and murders until his capture in 2012. While awaiting trial for the mur-

der of ones of his victims, Keyes committed suicide in prison.

Israel Keyes loved the thrill that accompanied a kill. He planned his mur-

murders long time ahead and took extraordinary precaution to avoid detection. Unlike the majority of serial killers, he didn't have a victim profile. Keyes's killings were far from home, and never in the same area twice. While traveling to his murder site, he kept his phone turned off and paid for everything in cash. In one of his murders, Keyes flew to Chicago, rented a car to drive the 1000 additional miles to Vermont and performed his killings. While most serial

killers tend to build their own persona, achieve a pop star status, the most interesting thing about Keyes is that he studied the other famous serial killers, but devised his own techniques so that nobody would be able to blame him for copying others. Israel Keyes admired Ted Bundy and, actually, bears some similarities - both were heavy drinkers, methodical, intelligent, felt some sort of "possession" over the victims, and operated in multiple U.S. states.

6. EDMUND KEMPER



EDMUND KEMPER IN PRISON. (CREDIT: SERIAL KILLER WIKI)

Big Ed is one of a few serial killers who performed not only serial murders, but familicide also. A decade prior to his serial killings, Kemper killed his grandparents just to see what it felt like. After his arrest, Kemper was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and placed in mental care. On his 21st birthday, Kemper was released and placed in the care of his mother, who, along with six female students and her best friend, would later become his victims.

The Co-Ed killer targeted women in their teens to mid-twenties, most of whom attended the same college

his mother worked at. All the victims of his serial murders were hitchhikers who were given rides by him when he cruised around. After taking his victims to a secluded area, he would kill them in various ways, by shooting, strangling or stabbing. Then he performed bizarre experiments with their remains and engaged in sexual activities with their bodies. Kemper also decapitated his victims and used their heads for oral sex. Some of them were even buried in his mother's garden, with Kemper claiming he buried them there because his mother always wanted people to look up to her.

7. JUANA BARRAZA

In 2008, a former female wrestler and one of Mexico's most prolific serial killers was sen-

tenced to 759 years in jail for the killings of at least 11 elderly women. Juana Barraza, nicknamed

the „Little Old Lady Killer“ or „Mataviejitas,“ mostly targeted women aged 60 or over, most of whom lived alone. She bludgeoned or strangled her victims, and afterward would rob them.

Barraza gained trust of his victims and access to their homes by helping with their shopping bags or requesting cleaning work, or simply pretended to be a nurse or social worker.



JUANA BARRAZA.

(CREDIT: THE NORTH EAST TODAY)

The unusual thing about this killer is her choice of a weapon. Barraza strangled half of her victims with a stethoscope, which she carried to the crime scene. In at least one case, the killer picked up a stethoscope that happened to be lying on the living room table and used it to strangle her victim.

8. JEFFREY DAHMER



JEFFREY DAHMER IN COURT.
(CREDIT: SHAUNTMAX30)

Responsible for 17 gruesome murders, Jeffrey Dahmer raped, murdered and dismembered his victims, performing heinous acts of necrophilia, cannibalism and the permanent preservation of body parts. Although Dahmer was diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, schizotypal personality disorder, and

a psychotic disorder, he was found to be legally sane at his trial. In 1992, the killer received 16 life terms and two years later, Dahmer was beaten to death in prison by a fellow inmate at the Columbia Correctional Institution.

Jeffrey Dahmer performed various experiments with the bodies of

his victims and engaged in sexual acts with them. He posed his victims in numerous ways, took pictures of them and then dissolved their bodies in chemicals to the point that they were completely liquefied and could be poured down a toilet or a sink. The most notable practice of Dahmer was attempting to turn his victims

into zombies by drilling holes in their skulls and injecting hydrochloric acid or boiling hot water into their temporal lobes using large syringes. The killer had bizarre fascination with the heads of his victims, which he often boiled until the flesh came off and then painted to make them look like they were made of plastic.

9. H.H. HOLMES



THE MUGSHOT OF H.H. HOLMES. (CREDIT: TORONTO STAR)

Herman Mudgett, preferring to be called H.H. Holmes, isn't just an ordinary serial killer. While he's believed to have killed his for monetary gain, Holmes claimed he was born with the devil in him. He built a hotel which he had designed specifically for murdering his victims. While he confessed to 27 murders, of which 9 were confirmed, his actual body count could be up to 200.

Holmes preferred to gas his victims to death in a locked room and then add fire which would torch their flesh.

In his 100-room „murder castle,“ investigators also found acid, used to burn the flesh of his victims, false partitions, stairways leading nowhere, long dark corridors, trap doors, secret passageways and a medieval torture rack used to stretch bodies to twice their normal size.

In 1895, H. H. Holmes confessed to 27 murders and executed a year later. The killer was strangled to death slowly, suffering 15 minutes of unbearable pain, when the gallows failed to execute him immediately.

10. ED GEIN

Although Ed Gein confessed to killing only two people and couldn't be considered a serial killer, he gathered widespread notoriety after the authorities discovered ex-

humed bodies from local graveyards.

Gein is best known for his gruesome handcrafts made from the bodies he snatched. While search-

searching his house, investigators had found a dead body of Gein's second murder victim in a shed, shot dead, decapitated, and gutted the same way a hunter would cut open a deer.



WAUSHARA COUNTY SHERIFF ART SCHLEY ESCORTS ED GEIN INTO CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE. (CREDIT: CRIMEFEED)

Further examination revealed a shoe box containing female genitalia, a belt made of nipples, a vest made out of women's breasts, a human heart in a paper bag, tops of human skulls used as bowls, a human head, a suit made of human skin, human skin covering several armchairs, human organs in the refrigerator, whole human bones and fragments. After his ar-

rest, Ed Gein admitted to police that not too long after his mother died, he began to make a "woman suit" from the skin of the dead bodies he had exhumed. Gein claimed he made the suit so that he could crawl into the skin of his mother whenever he wanted. He even made a human flesh mask to go along with the suit. In fact, Gein had multiple masks in his house.



POLICE INVESTIGATORS DIGGING FOR EVIDENCE IN THE GARAGE OF ED GEIN. (CREDIT: NEW YORK DAILY NEWS)



ONE OF GEIN'S VICTIMS.

(CREDIT: CRIMESCENEDB)



10 CHILLING LETTERS WRITTEN BY SERIAL KILLERS

WHEN WE HEAR THE TERM “SERIAL KILLER”, THE IMAGE OF AN EVIL GENIUS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES INTO OUR MINDS. WELL, ACTUALLY, IT ISN'T VERY ACCURATE IMAGE.

The sad truth is that serial killers are invisible in the crowd. They are walking among us and it's incredibly hard to spot them. For example, Ted Bundy blended into the society so well that he became the last person you would think of as a killer.

Some serial killers, such as the infamous Jack the Ripper or the Zodiac Killer had taunted the authorities, making a fools of them for not being able to capture them.

Many serial killers enjoy communicating with the media, victims' families, and their own fans, also known as serial killer groupies, discussing their crimes or even denying their guilt. The Ripper and Zodiac are only the tip of an iceberg. At least 8 more killers had expressed their twisted minds in the following 10 chilling letters.

1. JACK THE RIPPER

Jack the Ripper is one of the most widely known serial killers in the world.

In 1888, the unidentified serial killer killed at least 5 prostitutes around the Whitechapel district of Lon-

London.

The nickname “Jack the Ripper” was coined after a letter written by someone claiming to be the infamous killer was disseminated in the media. Actually, there are at least three more letters attributed to the Jack the Ripper, but they all are widely believed to be hoaxes and may have been written by journalists in an attempt to increase the interest in the deadly story.

The most disturbing and noteworthy letter, known by the name “From Hell”, also believed to be a hoax, but there’s a small twist in its story.

In October 16, 1888, George Lusk, head of the Whitechapel Vigilance Committee, received a small box, accompanied by half of a human kidney. In the box, Lusk found a letter, postmarked October 15, which read:

FROM HELL

MR LUSK

SOR

I SEND YOU HALF THE

KIDNE I TOOK FROM ONE WOMEN

PRASARVED IT FOR YOU TOTHER PIRCE

I FRIED AND ATE IT WAS VERY NISE I

I SEND YOU HALF THE
KIDNE I TOOK FROM ONE WOMEN
PRASARVED IT FOR YOU TOTHER PIRCE
I FRIED AND ATE IT WAS VERY NISE I
MAY SEND YOU THE BLOODY KNIF THAT
TOOK IT OUT IF YOU ONLY WATE A WHIL
LONGER.

SIGNED
CATCH ME WHEN
YOU CAN
MISHTER LUSK.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC
COPY OF THE NOW
LOST "FROM HELL"
LETTER, POSTMARKED
15 OCTOBER 1888.
(CREDIT: WIKIPEDIA)

From hell
Mr Lusk
Sory I send you half the
Kidne I took from one women
prased it for you tother piece
fied and ate it was very nise I
may send you the bloody knif that
took it out if you only wate a whil
longer.
Signed Catch me when
you can
Mister Lusk.

The most interesting twist in this story is that the letter arrived after 4th victim of Jack the Ripper, Catherine Ed-dowes, was killed and had her kidney removed by the killer. Further examination revealed that the kidney in the box was preserved in alcohol and confirmed to be that of a human female's. George Lusk, along with

other member of the medical field, believed it to be a practical joke played by medical students who had obtained the kidney from a cadaver.

Whether the letter was real or fake, it's hard to imagine the deadly atmosphere in London's Whitechapel through the 1888.

2. THE ZODIAC KILLER

The Zodiac Killer is still one of the most famous subjects for debates and speculations of profilers, psychologists, detectives and criminology enthusiasts. Despite his efforts on communicating with the police and local newspapers, the unknown assailant is still on the loose.

The killer coined his name in a series of taunting let-

ters he sent to the local newspapers until 1974. In most of them, the Zodiac Killer revealed a horrifying details about the murders that only the killer and victims could know. Zodiac's letters also included four cryptograms or ciphers, three of which is still unsolved.

On October 27th 1970, the Zodiac Killer mailed

a creepy Halloween card to the San Francisco Chronicle crime reporter Paul Avery. The card depicted two skeletons, using the incorrect spelling of "PARADICE", circled by five words: by knife, by gun, by rope, by fire and crossed with the word "SLAVES". It was speculated that the number 14 written on the skeleton's hand, implied the report-

er was to become Zodiac's 14th victim.

After the Halloween card, Zodiac sent a few more letters after disappearing for decades. In one of them, what is believed to be the last letter attributed to him, the Zodiac claimed to be responsible for 37 killings, although only 5 were assigned to him.



THE HALLOWEEN CARD MAILED TO PAUL AVERY. (CREDIT: ZODIAC KILLER CIPHERS)

3. DENNIS RADER

On April 28, 1978, Dennis Rader, known as the "BTK" killer, broke into the home of Anna Williams. Fortunately, she wasn't home. After waiting impatiently, Rader left before she arrived, taking some items as proof he'd been there. A few months later, Williams received a letter from "BTK", containing a poem, a sketch and some of the items he had stolen that night. Rader wrote the dark poem special for Anna:

OH, ANNA WHY DIDN'T YOU APPEAR

**T' WAS PERFECT PLAN OF DEVIANT PLEASURE
SO BOLD ON THAT SPRING NITE**

**MY INNER FELLING HOT WITH PROPENSION OF
THE NEW AWAKENING SEASON**

**WARN, WET WITH INNER FEAR AND RAPTURE,
MY PLEASURE OF ENTANGLEMENT, LIKE NEW
VINES AT NIGHT**

OH, ANNA, WHY DIDN'T YOU APPEAR

**DROP OF FEAR FRESH SPRING RAIN WOULD
ROLL DOWN FROM YOUR NAKEDNESS TO
SCENT TO LOFTY FEVER THAT BURNS WITHIN,**

**IN THAT SMALL WORLD OF LONGING, FEAR,
RAPTURE, AND DESPARATION,THE GAME WE
PLAY, FALL ON DEVIL EARS**

**FANTASY SPRING FORTH, MOUNTS, TO STORM
FURY, THEN WINTER CLAM AT THE END.**

OH, ANNA WHY DIDN'T YOU APPEAR

**ALONE, NOW IN ANOTHER TIME SPAN I LAY
WITH SWEET ENRAPTURE GARMENTS ACROSS
MOST PRIVATE THOUGHT**

**BED OF SPRING MOIST GRASS, CLEAN BEFORE
THE SUN, ENSLAVED WITH CONTROL, WARM
WIND SCENTING THE AIR, SUN LIGHT SPARKLE
TEARS IN EYES SO DEEP AND CLEAR.**

**ALONE AGAIN I TROD IN PASS MEMORY OF MIR-
RORS, AND PONDER WHY FOR NUMBER EIGHT
WAS NOT.**

OH, ANNA WHY DIDN'T YOU APPEAR

BTK, 1979

Fortunately, the "BTK" haven't got back for Anna.

4. OTTIS TOOLE



OTTIS TOOLE AND HENRY LEE LUCAS.
(CREDIT: THE LINEUP)

On the afternoon of July 27, 1981, 6-year-old boy Adam Walsh was abducted from a Sears department store at the Hollywood Mall in Hollywood, Florida, after joining his mother on a trip for shopping. By the end of the

of the same week, Walsh's abduction earned national publicity.

Little more than two weeks after a boy went missing, his severed head was found in a drainage canal more than 120

miles away from home.

Without any solid leads, investigators were going nowhere, when the convicted serial killer Ottis Toole broke his silence by confessing to the murder of Adam Walsh. Actually, he made 24

documented confessions to killing him.

A while later, Toole had courage to write a letter to the Walsh family, demanding \$50,000 in exchange for a location of the remains of Adam Walsh:

DEAR WALSH:

I'M THE PERSON WHO SNATCHED, RAPED AND MURDERED AND CUT UP THE LITTLE PRICK TEASER, ADAM WALSH, AND DUMPED HIS SMELLY ASS INTO THE CANAL. YOU KNOW THE STORY BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HIS BONES ARE, I DO.

NOW YOU ARE A RICH FUCKER, MONEY YOU MADE FROM THE DEAD BODY OF THAT LITTLE KID....I WANT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU. HERE'S MY DEAL. YOU PAY ME MONEY AND I'LL TELL YOU WHERE THE BONES ARE SO YOU CAN GET THEM BURIED ALL DECENT AND CHRISTIAN.

**I KNOW YOU'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE
I GET THE ELECTRIC CHAIR BUT AT LEAST
I'LL HAVE MONEY TO SPEND BEFORE I BURN.
IF YOU WANT THE BONES....YOU SEND A
PRIVATE LAWYER WITH MONEY FOR ME.
NO COPS, NO STATE ATTORNEYS. NO FDLE
(FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCE-
MENT). JUST A PRIVATE LAWYER WITH
A WRITTEN CONTRACT. I GET \$5,000 AS
"GOOD FAITH" MONEY. THEN WHEN I SHOW
YOU SOME BONES I GET \$45,000. YOU GET
A LAWYER TO MAKE UP A PAPER LIKE THAT.**

**IF YOU SEND THE POLICE AFTER ME BEFORE
WE MAKE A DEAL THEN YOU DON'T GET NO
BONES AND WHAT'S LEFT....CAN ROT....
NOW YOU WANT HIS TONES OR NOT? TELL
THE COPS AND YOU DON'T GET SHIT.**

**SINCERELY,
OTTIS E. TOOLE**

Adam's father John Walsh refused to swallow Toole's hook. Toole continued to recant his confessions about being the killer and died in prison of liver failure on September 15, 1996.

5. DAVID BERKOWITZ

On April 17, 1977, Alexander Esau and Valentina Suriani were each shot twice while sitting in a car in Bronx, New York. Both victims died before the police arrived at the scene.

Investigators soon found out that the couple was killed by the same person, who later turned out to be David Berkowitz. Prior to these murders,

he was suspected of 5 other shootings and dubbed by the media as the ".44 Caliber Killer." Further examination of the crime scene revealed a handwritten letter, containing a lot of misspellings, addressed to the captain of the NYPD, where Berkowitz referred to himself as the Son of Sam for the first time, and expressed his desire to continue his work:

I AM DEEPLY HURT BY YOUR CALLING ME A WEMON HATER. I AM NOT. BUT I AM A MONSTER. I AM THE "SON OF SAM." I AM A LITTLE "BRAT". WHEN FATHER SAM GETS DRUNK HE GETS MEAN. HE BEATS HIS FAMILY. SOMETIMES HE TIES ME UP TO THE BACK OF THE HOUSE. OTHER TIMES HE LOCKS ME IN THE GARAGE. SAM LOVES TO DRINK BLOOD. "GO OUT AND KILL" COMMANDS FATHER SAM. BEHIND OUR HOUSE SOME REST. MOSTLY YOUNG — RAPED AND

**SLAUGHTERED — THEIR BLOOD DRAINED
— JUST BONES NOW. PAPA SAM KEEPS ME
LOCKED IN THE ATTIC, TOO. I CAN'T GET
OUT BUT I LOOK OUT THE ATTIC WINDOW
AND WATCH THE WORLD GO BY. I FEEL LIKE
AN OUTSIDER. I AM ON A DIFFERENT WAVE
LENGTH THEN EVERYBODY ELSE — PRO-
GRAMMED TO KILL. HOWEVER, TO STOP ME
YOU MUST KILL ME. ATTENTION ALL POLICE:
SHOOT ME FIRST — SHOOT TO KILL OR ELSE.
KEEP OUT OF MY WAY OR YOU WILL DIE! PAPA
SAM IS OLD NOW. HE NEEDS SOME BLOOD
TO PRESERVE HIS YOUTH. HE HAS HAD TOO
MANY HEART ATTACKS. TOO MANY HEART
ATTACKS. “UGH, ME HOOT IT HURTS SONNY
BOY.” I MISS MY PRETTY PRINCESS MOST OF
ALL. SHE’S RESTING IN OUR LADIES HOUSE
BUT I’LL SEE HER SOON. I AM THE “MON-
STER” — “BEELZEBUB” — THE “CHUBBY
BEHEMOUTH.” I LOVE TO HUNT. PROWLING
THE STREETS LOOKING FOR FAIR GAME —
TASTY MEAT. THE WEMON OF QUEENS ARE
Z PRETTYIST OF ALL. I MUST BE THE WATER
THEY DRINK. I LIVE FOR THE HUNT — MY
LIFE. BLOOD FOR PAPA. MR. BORRELLI, SIR,
I DONT WANT TO KILL ANYMORE NO SIR, NO**

**MORE BUT I MUST, "HONOUR THY FATHER."
I WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO THE WORLD. I
LOVE PEOPLE. I DON'T BELONG ON EARTH.
RETURN ME TO YAHOOOS. TO THE PEOPLE OF
QUEENS, I LOVE YOU. AND I WA WANT TO
WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY EASTER. MAY
GOD BLESS YOU IN THIS LIFE AND IN THE
NEXT AND FOR NOW I SAY GOODBYE AND
GOODNIGHT. POLICE — LET ME HAUNT YOU
WITH THESE WORDS; I'LL BE BACK! I'LL BE
BACK! TO BE INTERPRETED AS — BANG,
BANG, BANG, BANK, BANG — UGH!!**

YOURS IN MURDER MR. MONSTER

After two more couples were killed, the "Son of Sam" was finally caught and unmasked as David Berkowitz.

6. ALBERT FISH



ALBERT FISH. (CREDIT: CAVE COMEDY RADIO)

Sadomasochistic serial killer and cannibal Albert Fish looked like every child's favorite grandfather, but behind his mask, there was a monster who preyed on young and innocent children. Although Fish boasted that he had "had children in every State," putting the fig-

ure at around 100, he officially confessed to murdering three people and stabbing at least two others.

He was put on trial for kidnapping and murdering 10-year-old Grace Budd, whose mother received a chilling letter from Fish:

MY DEAR MRS. BUDD,

IN 1894 A FRIEND OF MINE SHIPPED AS A DECK HAND ON THE STEAMER TACOMA, CAPTAIN JOHN DAVIS. THEY SAILED FROM SAN FRANCISCO FOR HONG KONG, CHINA. ON ARRIVING THERE HE AND TWO OTHERS WENT ASHORE AND GOT DRUNK. WHEN THEY RETURNED THE BOAT WAS GONE. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS A FAMINE IN CHINA. MEAT OF ANY KIND WAS FROM \$1-3 DOLLARS A POUND. SO GREAT WAS THE SUFFERING AMONG THE VERY POOR THAT ALL THE CHILDREN UNDER 12 WERE SOLD TO THE BUTCHERS TO BE CUT UP AND SOLD FOR FOOD IN ORDER TO KEEP OTHERS FROM

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THEM -- TO MAKE THEIR MEAT GOOD AND TENDER. FIRST HE KILLED THE 11 YEAR OLD BOY, BECAUSE HE HAD THE FATTEST ASS AND OF COURSE THE MOST MEAT ON IT. EVERY PART OF HIS BODY WAS COOKED AND EATEN EXCEPT HEAD - BONES AND GUTS. HE WAS ROASTED IN THE OVEN (ALL OF HIS ASS), BOILED, BROILED, FRIED, STEWED. THE LITTLE BOY WAS NEXT, WENT THE SAME WAY. AT THAT TIME I WAS LIVING AT 409 E. 100 ST. NEAR -- RIGHT SIDE. HE TOLD ME SO OFTEN HOW GOOD HUMAN FLESH WAS I MADE UP MY MIND TO TASTE IT. ON SUNDAY JUNE THE 3 -- 1928 I CALLED ON YOU AT 406 W 15 ST. BROUGHT YOU POT CHEESE -- STRAWBERRIES. WE HAD LUNCH. GRACE SAT IN MY LAP AND KISSED ME. I MADE UP MY MIND TO EAT HER. ON THE PRETENSE OF TAKING HER TO A PARTY. YOU SAID YES SHE COULD GO. I TOOK HER TO AN EMPTY HOUSE IN WESTCHESTER I HAD ALREADY PICKED OUT. WHEN WE GOT THERE, I TOLD HER TO REMAIN OUTSIDE. SHE PICKED WILDFLOWERS. I WENT UPSTAIRS AND STRIPPED ALL MY CLOTHES OFF. I KNEW IF I DID NOT I WOULD GET HER BLOOD ON THEM. WHEN

ALL WAS READY I WENT TO THE WINDOW AND CALLED HER. THEN I HID IN THE CLOSET UNTIL SHE WAS IN THE ROOM. WHEN SHE SAW ME ALL NAKED SHE BEGAN TO CRY AND TRIED TO RUN DOWN STAIRS. I GRABBED HER AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD TELL HER MAMMA. FIRST I STRIPPED HER NAKED. HOW DID SHE KICK -- BITE AND SCRATCH. I CHOKED HER TO DEATH, THEN CUT HER IN SMALL PIECES SO I COULD TAKE THE MEAT TO MY ROOMS. COOK AND EAT IT. HOW SWEET AND TENDER HER LITTLE ASS WAS ROASTED IN THE OVEN. IT TOOK ME 9 DAYS TO EAT HER ENTIRE BODY. I DID NOT FUCK HER THO I COULD HAVE HAD I WISHED. SHE DIED A VIRGIN.

Fortunately, Budd's murder sent Fish to the electric chair and he was executed on January 16, 1936. His last words were reportedly, "I don't even know why I'm here."

7. JOHN WAYNE GACY

For his honors thesis at the University of Nevada, Jason Moss, an 18-year-old college freshman became pen pal with five of

the most infamous murderers - Jeffrey Dahmer, Richard Ramirez, Henry Lee Lucas, Charles Manson, and most notably,

John Wayne Gacy.

Seeking for a career in law enforcement, especially the FBI, Moss posed as disciple, admirer, surrogate, and potential victim respectively. 'The Killer Clown' John Wayne Gacy, responsible for the deaths of at least 33 teenage boys and young men, was the one who swallowed Moss's bait. As their relationship grew,

Moss wrote to Gacy posing as a young, naive, insecure gay man who could be easily manipulated - a perfect victim for Gacy's sexual and deadly desires. The killer sent him letters, containing Gacy's disturbing sexual fantasies Moss was to commit for his pleasure. Over the course of several months, Moss received more than 100 letters from Gacy.

**JASON MOSS AND
JOHN WAYNE GACY
IN PRISON.
(CREDIT: VIRALNOVA)**



This was the point when they began to talk on the phone every Sunday morning, discussing Gacy's sexual fantasies.

It was enough for John Wayne Gacy to ask Moss to come visit him in prison, where he was awaiting execution. Just before visiting Gacy, Jason Moss believed that he was successful in manipulating the killer, but this wasn't the case.

Without any clues of what's waiting for him inside, Jason Moss stepped into the room and saw John Wayne Gacy. Instead of being supervised by the prison guards, their meeting took place in the locked room with the security camera turned to face the wall.

From this point, Moss knew that this isn't going to end well for him.

Alone in the room, the killer began to psychologically torture Moss. Within two days of this meeting, Gacy made it clear that he was the one who was in control. In hopes of having sex with the visitor, Gacy became even more unstable and, fortunately, a guard knocked at the door and Moss was able to escape his clutches of madness.

A few months after Moss's visit, Gacy was executed by lethal injection. After his face-to-face encounter with the killer, Moss cut off contact with all of his pen pals and published a best-selling book 'The Last Victim', explaining though he had not been physically harmed, he was Gacy's last victim.

Probably shocked by his experiences, Jason Moss committed suicide on June 6, 2006.

8. TED BUNDY



ANN MARIE BURR'S BEDROOM.
(CREDIT: HUBPAGES)

On August 31, 1961, an eight-year-old-girl Ann Marie Burr had vanished from her home in Tacoma, Washington. The following morning at approximately 5:30 AM, Ann's mother went to her room and found out she was missing. Although there was no sign of struggle,

Ann Marie Burr's mother found the front door left partly open, the living room window open wide and the garden bench from the backyard moved in front of the window.

After the shocking discovery, parents had recalled the family dog was

barking at something the night the girl had disappeared.

When the police arrived, leading investigators believed the kidnapper entered the house through the open window, abducted the girl from her room, and left through the front door. Unfortunately, there was no solid evidence to go on. During the investigation, local known sex offenders, but speculated that Ann Marie have known her abductor. Now, after more than 50 years later, the girl remains missing.

At the time of Ann Marie Burr's kidnapping, Ted Bundy, the notorious se-

rial killer, responsible for killing at least 30 women, lived only a few blocks away from Ann Marie. Although Bundy didn't raise any suspicions then, 14 years later, the police would finally become suspicious of the notorious serial killer.

After Ted Bundy was arrested in 1970, Tacoma police began taking a look at his involvement in Ann Marie's kidnapping. Still, many people believe that the girl was his first victim.

In 1986, Ann Marie's mother Beverly Ann Burr wrote Bundy a letter, asking about his involvement in the kidnapping:

DEAR TED,

**ON AUGUST 31, 1961, JUST BEFORE SCHOOL
WAS TO START FOR YOU AND OUR CHILDREN,
THERE CAME A BLACK RAINY NIGHT WITH**

LOTS OF HEAVY WINDS. YOU WERE 15 AND HAD BEEN WANDERING THE STREETS LATE AT NIGHT AND PEEPING IN WINDOWS AND TAKING CARS. I FEEL YOUR FIRST MURDER WAS OUR ANN MARIE BURR. THE BENCH FROM THE BACK YARD WAS USED TO CLIMB IN THE LIVING ROOM; THE ORCHARD NEXT DOOR WAS A DARK SETTING FOR A MURDER. WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE TINY BODY? GOD CAN FORGIVE YOU.

WITH ALL APPEALS LIKELY TO BE REFUSED AND SOON, THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU IN THIS WORLD; THERE CAN STILL BE EVERYTHING GOOD FOR YOU IN THE NEXT.

YOUR LIFE STARTED GOING WRONG SOMEWHERE WHEN YOU WERE VERY YOUNG. THERE HAD TO BE A LOT OF BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO MAKE YOU HAVE YOUR STRONG FEELINGS OF HATRED.

I CAME CLOSE TO RUINING MY LIFE BECAUSE OF MY CRUEL ACTIONS AND FEELING NO SORROW ABOUT THEM. A LOT OF STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES BROUGHT HELP TO ME OR

**OR I WOULD NOT HAVE FOUND MYSELF, EVEN
THOUGH I KNEW I NEEDED HELP AND MY AC-
TIONS WERE GETTING OUT OF CONTROL. YOU
SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THAT SAME HELP
WHEN YOU NEEDED IT.**

**GOD CAN STILL GIVE THE HELP TO YOU - IF
YOU CAN GATHER TOGETHER ANY STRENGTH
YOU HAVE LEFT AND TRY TO FEEL A REAL
SORROW INSIDE FOR THE HORRORS YOU HAVE
BROUGHT SO MANY. YOU WILL FACE THESE
HORRORS ALONE IF THERE IS NO CHANCE TO
BE WITH GOD AFTER YOU DIE.**

**YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO LOSE IN THIS
WORLD. BY EXPLAINING YOUR SICKNESS, YOU
WILL FEEL SORROW AND GAIN EVERYTHING IN
THE NEXT LIFE, AS GOD PROMISED YOU AND
ALL OF US. PLEASE TRY. THERE ISN'T MUCH
TIME. I AM DEEPLY SORRY YOU DID NOT GET
HELP WHEN YOU NEEDED IT. I HAVE NOT WRIT-
TEN UNTIL NOW BECAUSE THE END OF LIFE
FOR YOU DID NOT SEEM NEAR UNTIL NOW.**

**WILL YOU WRITE BACK TO ME REGARDING
ANN MARIE?"**

Bundy replied the same year:

DEAR BEVERLY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 30.

I CAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND YOU DOING EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO FIND YOUR DAUGHTER. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU HAVE BEEN MISLED BY WHAT CAN ONLY BE CALLED RUMORS ABOUT ME. THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR YOU IS TO CORRECT THESE RUMORS, THESE FALSEHOODS.

FIRST AND FOREMOST I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DAUGHTER ANN MARIE. I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER DISAPPEARANCE.

YOU SAID SHE DISAPPEARED AUGUST 31, 1961. AT THE TIME I WAS A NORMAL 14 YEAR OLD BOY. I DID NOT WANDER THE STREETS LATE AT NIGHT. I DID NOT.

Multiple sources claim that in his prison interviews, Ted Bundy admitted he kidnapped Ann Marie, but there is no evidence to support it. The killer is believed

to be responsible for killing 30 to 36 women; Bundy himself once commented to police officer, "Add one digit to that and you'll have it."

Several years after Ann Marie's disappearance, the Burrs family adopted a daughter. The sad thing is that both parents died haunted by many questions about the disappearance of Ann Marie Burr.

An appeal
to MASTER DETECTIVE readers:

CAN YOU HELP FIND ANN MARIE BURR?

Tacoma, Washington police, and the family of a pretty little girl who vanished in the night, urgently request the aid of any alert reader who thinks he or she might have information that could possibly unravel the mystery of this tragic and baffling disappearance . . .

by ROBERT COUR

AS POLICE FILES go, the dossier on the baffling Ann Marie Burr case is a whopper—a record in the long and distinguished annals of the Tacoma, Washington Detective Bureau. Official and formal reports from the scores of detectives and uniformed men who have worked the case total more than 700 pages; and there are dozens of notes, memoranda, some 35 photographs, not to mention some informal jottings of theories, most as yet still to be proved or disproved by events.

This bulky set of documents includes, as its key ingredient, a card file some two and one-half feet long. It contains the names of all suspects in the case, each of whom has been checked out and cleared—at least for the time being. Circumstances might bring fresh attention to any one of the names.

In late October, 1965, Card No. 551 was added. On the 22nd, the keen, professional eye of Captain of Detect-



9. THE AXEMAN OF NEW ORLEANS

AXMAN'S JAZZ

(DON'T SCARE ME PAPA)

By JOSEPH JOHN DAVILLA
Author of the Noised Sophie Tucker
Coon Novelty Song
"Give Me Back My Husband, You've
Had Him Long Enough", Etc.



(CREDIT: THE LINEUP)

In 1919, the city of New Orleans was terrorized by a serial killer, known as the "The Axeman of New Orleans." Within a period of more than a year, the unidentified killer attack at least 12 people, usually targeting one or more of the residents of the homes he entered. The victims usually were at-

tacked with an axe, after smashing the back door of a home. In some cases, an axe belonged to the victims themselves.

After the Axeman attacked the Cortimiglia family and fear started to tighten its grip on New Orleans, a chilling letter arrived at local newspa-

pers. As in the case of Jack the Ripper, the letter was from Hell:

HELL, MARCH 13, 1919

ESTEEMED MORTAL:

THEY HAVE NEVER CAUGHT ME AND THEY NEVER WILL. THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN ME, FOR I AM INVISIBLE, EVEN AS THE ETHER THAT SURROUNDS YOUR EARTH. I AM NOT A HUMAN BEING, BUT A SPIRIT AND A DEMON FROM THE HOTTEST HELL. I AM WHAT YOU ORLEANIANS AND YOUR FOOLISH POLICE CALL THE AXEMAN.

WHEN I SEE FIT, I SHALL COME AND CLAIM OTHER VICTIMS. I ALONE KNOW WHOM THEY SHALL BE. I SHALL LEAVE NO CLUE EXCEPT MY BLOODY AXE, BESMEARED WITH BLOOD AND BRAINS OF HE WHOM I HAVE SENT BELOW TO KEEP ME COMPANY.

IF YOU WISH YOU MAY TELL THE POLICE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO RILE ME. OF COURSE,

I AM A REASONABLE SPIRIT. I TAKE NO OFFENSE AT THE WAY THEY HAVE CONDUCTED THEIR INVESTIGATIONS IN THE PAST. IN FACT, THEY HAVE BEEN SO UTTERLY STUPID AS TO NOT ONLY AMUSE ME, BUT HIS SATANIC MAJESTY, FRANCIS JOSEF, ETC. BUT TELL THEM TO BEWARE. LET THEM NOT TRY TO DISCOVER WHAT I AM, FOR IT WERE BETTER THAT THEY WERE NEVER BORN THAN TO INCUR THE WRATH OF THE AXEMAN. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY NEED OF SUCH A WARNING, FOR I FEEL SURE THE POLICE WILL ALWAYS DODGE ME, AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. THEY ARE WISE AND KNOW HOW TO KEEP AWAY FROM ALL HARM.

UNDOUBTEDLY, YOU ORLEANIANS THINK OF ME AS A MOST HORRIBLE MURDERER, WHICH I AM, BUT I COULD BE MUCH WORSE IF I WANTED TO. IF I WISHED, I COULD PAY A VISIT TO YOUR CITY EVERY NIGHT. AT WILL I COULD SLAY THOUSANDS OF YOUR BEST CITIZENS, FOR I AM IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

NOW, TO BE EXACT, AT 12:15 (EARTHLY TIME) ON NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT, I AM GOING TO PASS

OVER NEW ORLEANS. IN MY INFINITE MERCY, I AM GOING TO MAKE A LITTLE PROPOSITION TO YOU PEOPLE. HERE IT IS:

I AM VERY FOND OF JAZZ MUSIC, AND I SWEAR BY ALL THE DEVILS IN THE NETHER REGIONS THAT EVERY PERSON SHALL BE SPARED IN WHOSE HOME A JAZZ BAND IS IN FULL SWING AT THE TIME I HAVE JUST MENTIONED. IF EVERYONE HAS A JAZZ BAND GOING, WELL, THEN, SO MUCH THE BETTER FOR YOU PEOPLE. ONE THING IS CERTAIN AND THAT IS THAT SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT JAZZ IT ON TUESDAY NIGHT (IF THERE BE ANY) WILL GET THE AXE.

WELL, AS I AM COLD AND CRAVE THE WARMTH OF MY NATIVE TARTARUS, AND IT IS ABOUT TIME I LEAVE YOUR EARTHLY HOME, I WILL CEASE MY DISCOURSE. HOPING THAT THOU WILT PUBLISH THIS, THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH THEE, I HAVE BEEN, AM AND WILL BE THE WORST SPIRIT THAT EVER EXISTED EITHER IN FACT OR REALM OF FANCY.

THE AXEMAN

It's still unclear whether the real Axeman was the author of this letter, but the residents of New Orleans took the demand seriously. On March 19, 1919, the city of New Orleans was covered with jazz. Fortunately, as the killer promised, there were no attacks.

Almost 100 years later, the Axeman murders still remain a huge mystery.

10. DENNIS NILSEN

What kind of person writes a letter to himself? Well, sometimes it's hard to imagine what the twisted minds are capable of.

Within a period of five years, the "British Jeffrey Dahmer" Dennis Nilsen killed at least 12 men and boys by luring them to his home and strangling them, sometimes accompanied by drowning.

After the murders, Nilsen performed a bizarre ritual of bathing and dressing his victims, repeating

it for extended periods of time, before burning his victims upon a bonfire, or flushing the remains down a lavatory. That's exactly how Nilsen was caught. After moving to an upper-floor flat, Nilsen no longer had a convenient way to dispose of his victims. He flushed chunks of them down the toilet and clogged up the plumbing for the entire building.

The pieces of flesh were found by drain unblockers and scientifically confirmed as human remains.



ON DUTY: Nilsen in P's uniform.

**Dennis
Andrew
Nilsen**

CHARGED



RELAXING: Quiet pipe for Nilsen.

WITH

MURDER



JOKING: The camera catches Nilsen in a light-hearted mood. CIVIL SERVANT Dennis Andrew Nilsen, 37, was charged last night with murdering Stephen Sinclair, 20, whose remains were found at a house in North London on Wednesday.

Nilsen, a history policeman and ex-tenor coach, was charged at Bow Court police station. He was taken there for questioning some 40 minutes after his arrest. He was charged with the murder of Sinclair, 20, on 11th January.

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Police started digging yesterday in the garden of a house in Maresfield Avenue, Willesden, three miles from Cranley Gardens.

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(CREDIT: DAILY MIRROR)

Shortly after his arrest in 1983, serial killer Dennis Nilsen became an obsessive writer, penning poetry, letters and over 40 journals about his favorite subject - himself.

In one of his unpublished letters, titled "Mental Condition Notes", Nilsen explained his overwhelming desire to kill, and labeled himself "a creative psycho-

path.” He said:

I HAVE FELT THAT SINCE MY TEENAGE DAYS THAT I AM A CREATIVE PSYCHOPATH. SINCE I HAVE COMMITTED 15 KILLINGS AND 8 ATTEMPTED KILLINGS I FEEL ABLE TO GO FURTHER ON THIS SELF-ASSESSMENT.

IN TIMES OF ACUTE EMOTIONAL PRESSURE AND UNDER THE TRIGGERING INFLUENCE OF SPIRITS I.E. ALCOHOL, USUALLY DORMANT MENTAL FORCES HAVE BEEN RELEASED WHICH HAVE MADE MINE THE ACTIONS OF A DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHOPATH.

Surprisingly, Nilsen claimed that he felt remorse for killing his last victim, 20-year-old Steven Sinclair:

I STILL HAVE A WARM AFFECTION FOR HIM AND WOULD HAVE WANTED TO HELP HIM WITH HIS DRUG PROBLEM, LOOK AFTER HIM AND SLEEP WITH HIM.

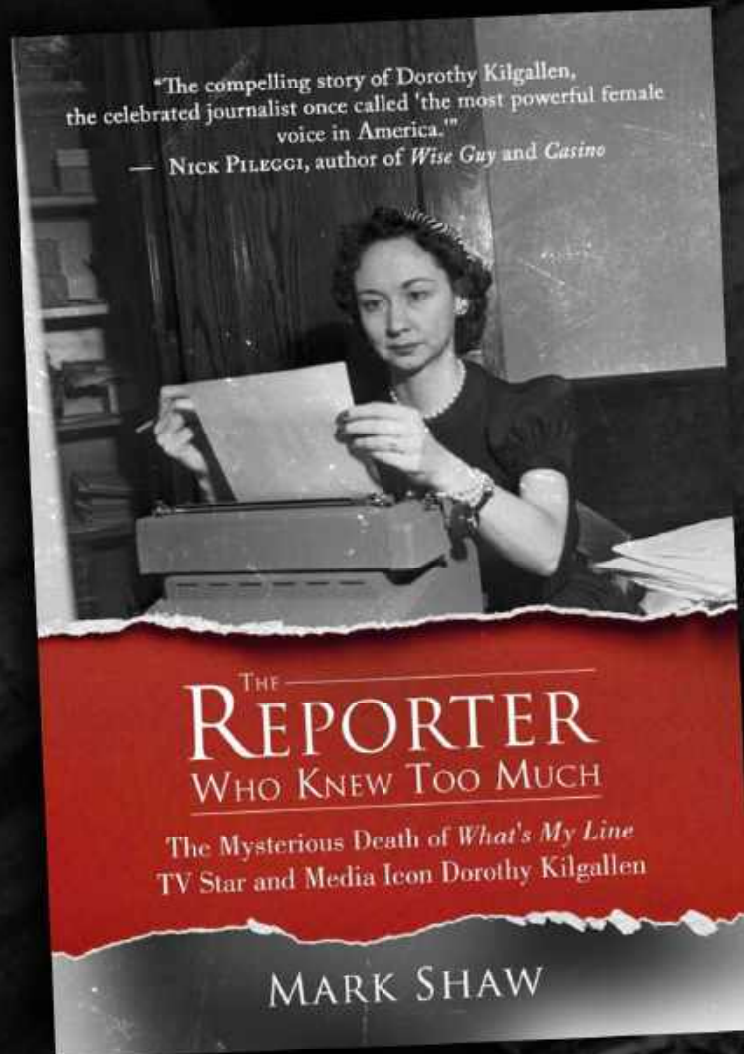
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE A LONG AND CLOSE SOCIAL AND SEXUAL (NORMAL SEXUAL) RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. I DID NOT

NOT LIKE TO SEE HIM SUFFER.

**AFTER HIS DEATH I WASHED HIM AND WHEN
I LAID HIM NAKED ON THE BED THERE WAS
A CONCILIATORY COMFORT IN SEEING HIM
AT PEACE.**

Convicted of six counts of murder and two of attempted murder, the serial killer was sentenced to life imprisonment on November 4, 1983, with a recommendation of serving a minimum of 25 years. Now 70 years old Dennis Nilsen is currently incarcerated at HMP Full Sutton maximum security prison, along with Britain's most notorious prisoner, Charles Salvador "Bronson."

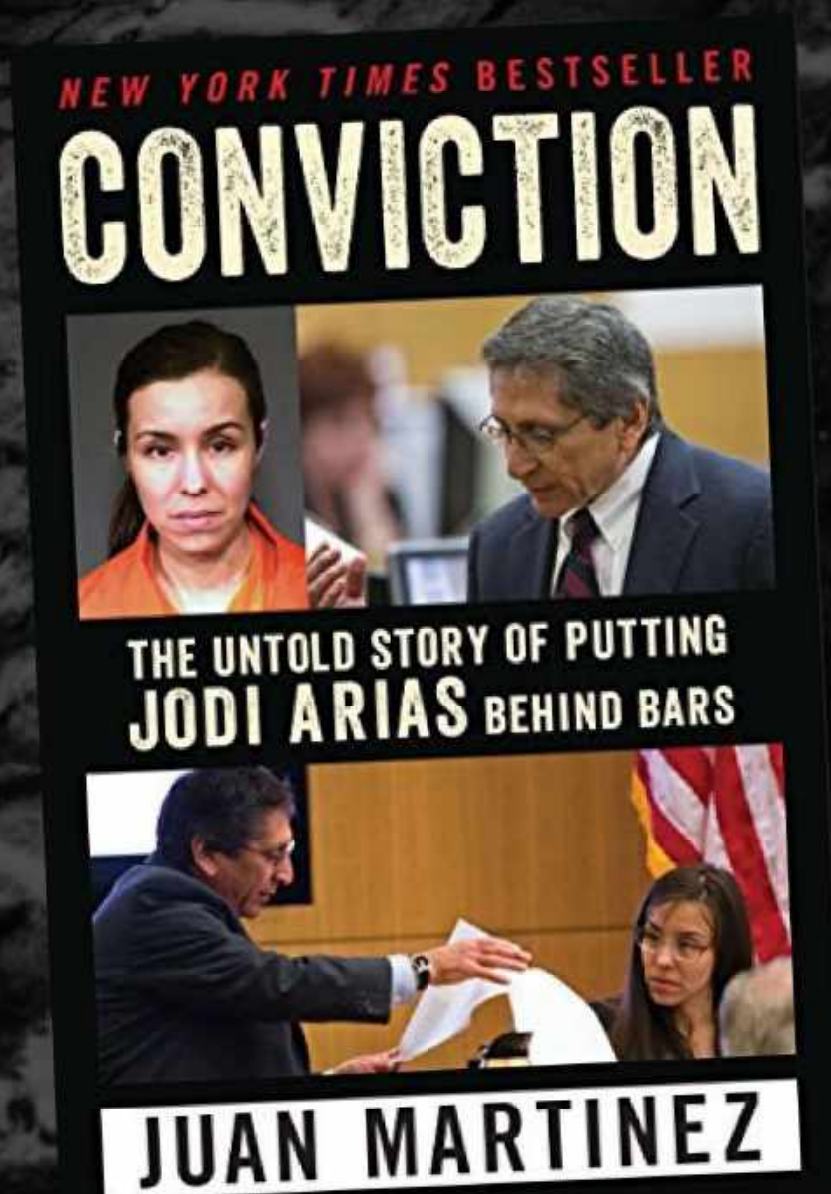
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**THE REPORTER WHO KNEW TOO MUCH: THE
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STAR AND MEDIA ICON DOROTHY KILGALLEN
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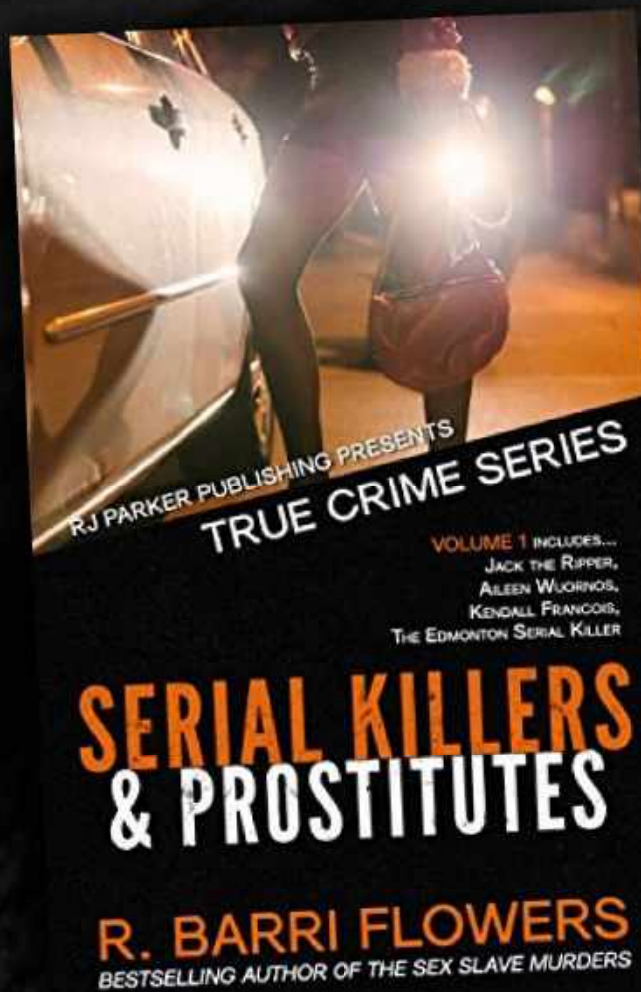
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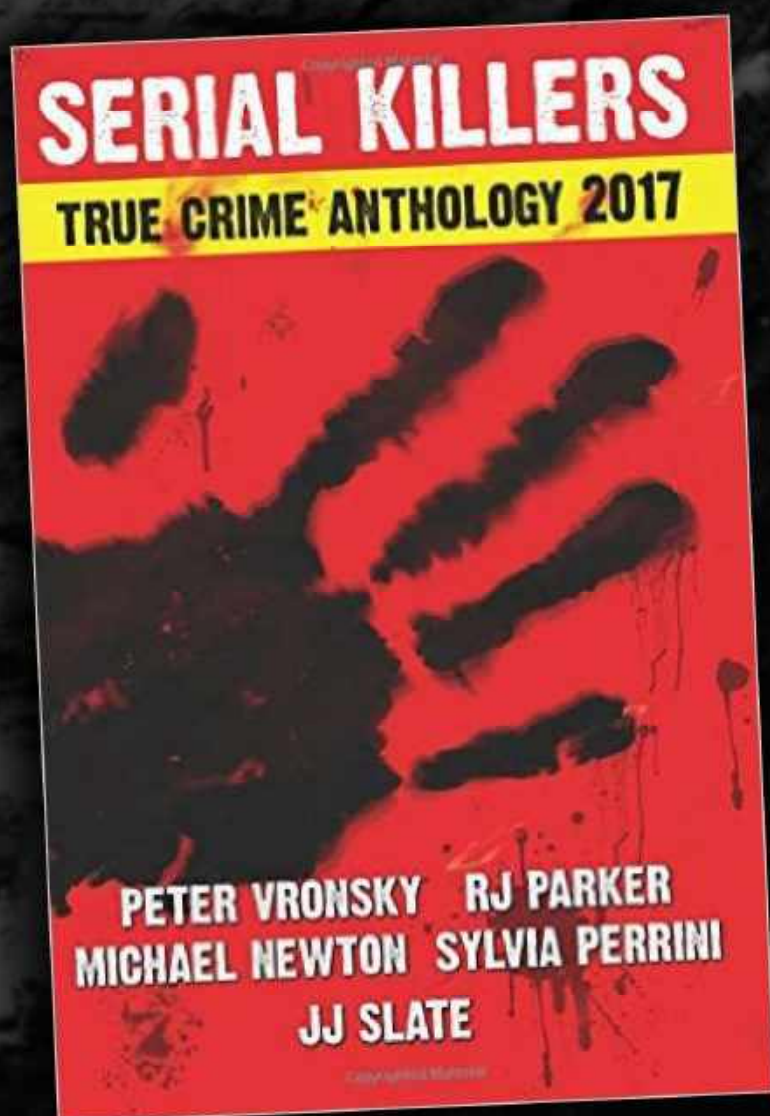
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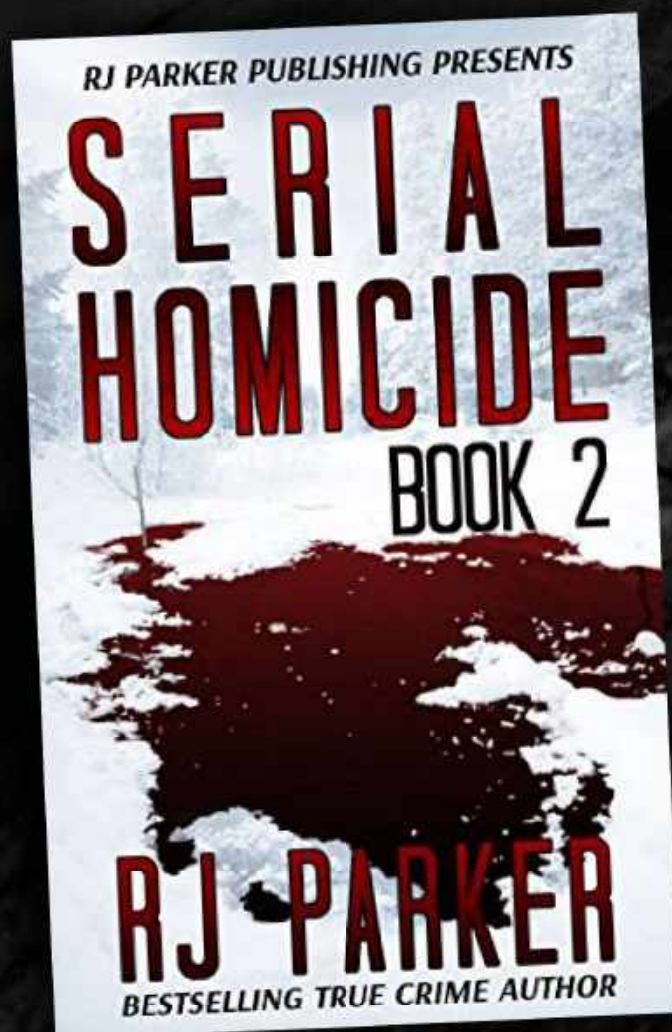
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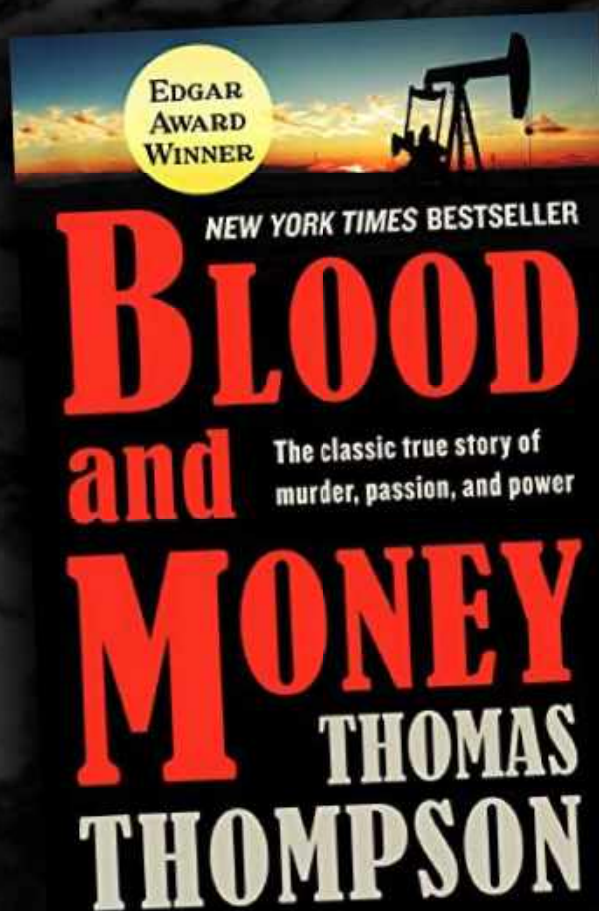


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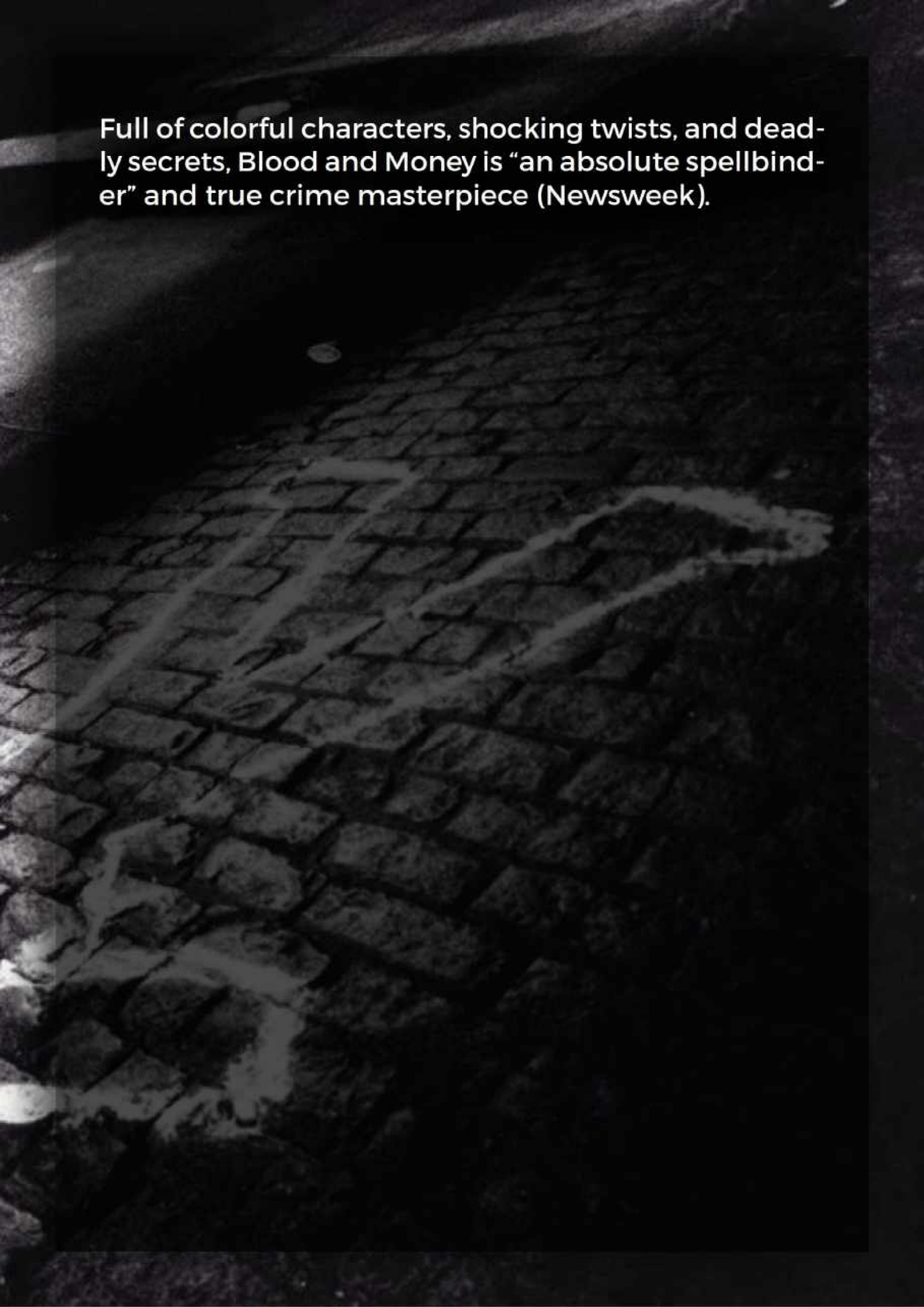
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