AMERICA'S MOST

EVIL KILLERS



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1. **John Wayne Gacy**



John Wayne Gacy murdered 33 boys and young men during a six year period in the 1970s. He hid the bodies of his victims in the walls of his suburban home. He was well liked in the community and would often dress up for kid's parties, earning himself the nickname "Killer Clown". He was executed in 1994.

2. **Jeffrey Dahmer**



Jeffrey Dahmer is one of the most notorious killers in the world. For 13 years he raped, murdered and ate his young male victims - 17 of them in total. After his arrest, his apartment was searched and human skulls were found in his closet He was sentenced to 957 years in prison but only served two as he was killed by a fellow inmate in 1994.

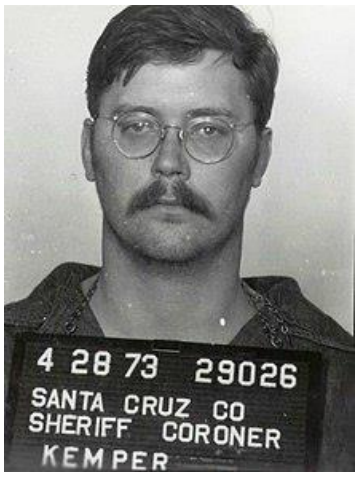
3. **Ed Gein**



Ed Gein murdered two women in the 1950s and was also a body snatcher. He would fashion items out of bones and skin. Gein was found not guilty of murder due to his insanity and was sectioned instead. He was the influence behind many horror movie villains including Norman Bates and Leatherface.

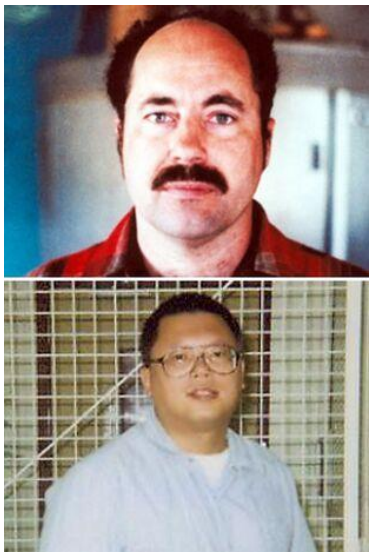
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4. Edmond Kemper



Serial killer Edmund Kemper killed six young women in the Santa Cruz, California, area and several members of his family. Born on December 18, 1948, in Burbank, California, Edmund Kemper, at age 15, killed both his grandparents to "see what it felt like." Upon release, he drifted, picking up and releasing female hitchhikers. But he soon stopped letting them go, killing six young women in the Santa Cruz, California, area in the 1970s. In 1973 he killed his mother and her friend before turning himself in.

5. Charles NG and Leonard Lake



Charles Ng Chi-Tat is a serial killer. He is believed to have raped, tortured and murdered between 11 and 25 victims with his accomplice Leonard Lake at Lake's cabin in Calaveras County, California between 1983- 1985 .

6. Richard Ramirez



Born in El Paso, Texas, on February 29, 1960, Richard Ramirez was an American serial killer who over a two-year rampage raped and tortured more than 25 victims and murdered more than a dozen—most of them in their own homes. Dubbed the "Night Stalker," Ramirez was turned on to Satanic worship at an early age by his cousin, a soldier who had recently returned from the war in Vietnam. Following a four-year trial, in 1989, Ramirez was convicted of 13 killings. He received the death penalty and was sent to San Quentin Prison in California. He died on June 7, 2013, aged 53

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7. Dorothea Puente



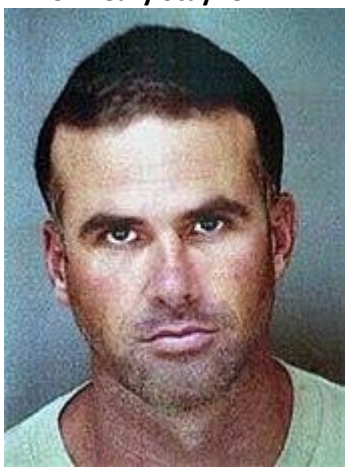
Was a convicted serial killer who ran a boarding house in Sacramento, California in the 1980s. Puente cashed in the Social Security checks of the elderly and disabled boarders living in her house. Many of them ended up dead and buried in the boarding house's yard. She was charged with 9 counts of murder.

8. Rodney Alcava



Appeared on the TV program 'The Dating Game' during the height of his murders and was chosen to go on a date but the contestant changed her mind, saying he was "too creepy". He was later given the nickname "Dating Game Killer". He was sentenced to death over five murders he committed in the 70s and later confessed to 30 more, but it's believed he killed up to 130 people.

9. Cary Stayner



Cary Stayner, is a serial killer who preyed on visitors to Yosemite National Park, was the product of a uniquely tragic background. In 1972, Stayner's brother, Steven (then 7-years-old), was abducted by child molester Kenneth Parnell. After seven years, Steven managed to escape captivity and re-unite with his family before tragically dying in a motorcycle accident at age 24. Cary would later cite these traumatic childhood events as playing a role in his development as a murderer. In February of 1999, Stayner killed 42-year-old Carol Sund along with her 15-year-old daughter Juli and her 16-year-old friend Silvina Pelosso. The three were brutally assaulted and murdered in their hotel room near Yosemite (Stayner had worked as a handyman at the facility). Five months later, Stayner beheaded a tour guide at the park, and eyewitnesses led authorities to his capture. He was convicted of first-degree murder in 2001 and sentenced to death.

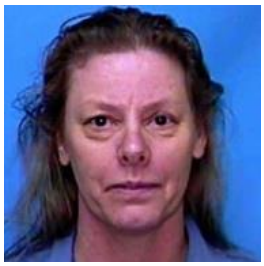
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10. Danny Rolling



In August 1990, Danny Rolling murdered five college students in Gainesville, Florida, home of the University of Florida. Creating unbelievably gruesome crime scenes that were designed to shock the people who had the misfortune of happening upon them, he stabbed his young victims to death, mutilated their bodies, and posed their corpses in disturbing positions.

11. Aileen Wuornos



From November 1989 to November 1990, Aileen Wuornos killed at least six men all over Florida, and when she was eventually apprehended, she told police she'd shot her victims to death because they had either raped her or tried to rape her when they'd hired her for sex. Wuornos changed her account multiple times, at some points stating she didn't act in self-defense, while at other times claiming she killed her victims out of fear for her life, making it difficult to know her true motivations for shooting six men to death.

12. Ted Bundy



Serial killer, kidnapper, rapist, burglar, necrophile and pedophile who assaulted and murdered numerous young women and girls during the 1970s, and possibly earlier. Shortly before his execution—after more than a decade of denials—he confessed to 30 homicides committed in seven states between 1974 and 1978. The true victim count remains unknown, and could be much higher.

13. Gary Ridgway



Gary Leon Ridgway is an American serial killer known as the Green River Killer. He was initially convicted of 48 separate murders and is presumed to be responsible for more than 90. As part of his plea bargain, an additional conviction was added, bringing the total number of convictions to 49, making him the most prolific American serial killer in history according to confirmed murders. He murdered numerous women and girls in Washington State during the 1980s and 1990s.

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14. Robert Lee Yates



He was one of America's most prolific and sadistic serial killer. He killed 13 prostiutes who worked on Skid Row in Spokane, Washington between 1996 and 1998. He later confessed and was charged with two other murders, committed in Walla, Walla in 1975 and 1988. The prostitutes were all initially solicited for sex, lured back to his 1979 Ford Van. He would then shoot his victims in the head and had sex with their corpses. One bizarre detail is that one of the women he murdered, he buried in family's back yard of the house he shared with his wife and five children. The body, with flowers planted on top was under his bedroom window, so he could look at it. He is currently on death row in Washington State Penitentiary

15. Diane Downs



Diane Downs is an American woman convicted of the May 1983 murder of her daughter and the attempted murder of her other two children.[1] Following the murder, she told police a stranger had attempted to carjack her and had shot the children. She was convicted in 1984 and sentenced to life in prison plus 50 years. Downs briefly escaped in 1987 and was recaptured. She is the subject of a book by Ann Rule and a made-for-TV movie based upon it, both called *Small Sacrifices*. She was denied parole in December 2008 and again in December 2010. The surviving children eventually went to live with the lead prosecutor on the case, Fred Hugi. He and his wife, Joanne, adopted them in 1986.

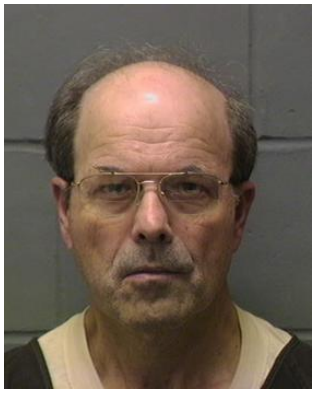
16. Bobby Joe Long



Bobby Joe Long, also known as Robert Joe Long and Robert Joseph Long, is an American serial killer, as of May 2018 on death row in the state of Florida. Long abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered at least 10 women in the Tampa Bay Area during an eight-month period in 1984. He released his last victim, Lisa McVey, after raping her for a period of 26 hours. McVey provided information to the police that enabled them to track him down.

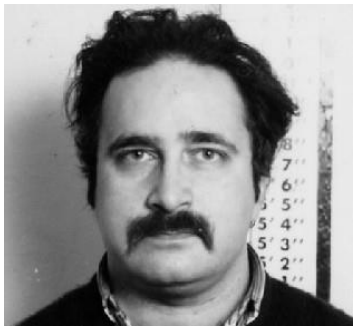
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17. Dennis Raider: BTK Murderer



For thirty one years, between 1974 and 1991, Dennis Raider, stalked, killed and terrorized the people of Wichita, Kansas. He was finally convicted of murder 10 people in Wichita, Kansas, though he is suspected of killing many more. He even sent letters to police taunting them under his alias name BTK which stood for 'Bind, Torture, Kill'. His technique was to stalk his victims before breaking into their homes, binding their limbs and finally strangling them. He disappeared in 1988, but remerged in around 2005 when he sent a floppy disc to the press which helped in tracing him. Rader confessed to his crimes and is serving 10 consecutive life sentences at El Dorado Correctional facility with the earliest release date possible on February 26, 2180.

18. Robert Andrew Berdella



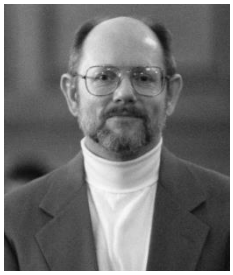
Bob Berdella was an American serial killer, known as The Kansas City Butcher and The Collector, who kidnapped, raped, tortured, and murdered at least six men between 1984 and 1987 in Kansas City, Missouri after having forced his victims to endure periods of up to six weeks of captivity.

Berdella was apprehended on April 4th 1988 after a victim he had been torturing for a week jumped naked from the second story of his house and escaped. By that time, he had abducted and tortured at least six young men, and the Kansas City Police Department suspected him in two other disappearances. Berdella had detailed torture logs and large numbers of Polaroid pictures he had taken of his victims. Volumes of pictures were recovered by the Kansas City Police Department, and remain in their possession.

He claimed that he was trying to "help" some of his victims by giving them antibiotics after torturing them. He tried to gouge one of his victims' eyes out, all 'to see what would happen'. He buried one victim's skull in his backyard, and put the dismembered bodies out for the weekly trash pickup. The bodies were never recovered but left in the landfill.
A few months before the arrest was made, Berdella was offered a ride home from a bar by people who noticed he was too intoxicated to drive. On the way back, Berdella allegedly told stories about young men he'd had abducted and tortured in the previous months. It was not taken seriously at that time considering his advanced state of intoxication.

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19. Christopher Hightower



Christopher Hightower appeared to be a mild-mannered family man. He taught Sunday school, counselled troubled youngsters and ran his own investment company. Behind the façade was a man in financial ruin who would stop at nothing to hide his incompetence. He forged documents and lied his way out of many holes, conning those closest to him out of everything they had. His best friend Ernest Brendel had invested thousands of dollars of his savings with Hightower and after eventually picking his way through the lies, he discovered his money was gone. Ernest threatened to complain to the authorities, an action that Hightower knew would destroy his career, so he purchased a cross bow and lay in wait. He killed his friend as he returned home. He also strangled Ernest's wife and kidnapped their 8-year-old daughter, who he buried alive. It was just the start of his plan. He visited Ernest's sister with an elaborate tale about the mafia kidnapping her brother's family along with his own wife and sons and demanding a ransom. He took personal items from Ernest's wife and the family's blood-stained car to corroborate his story. Hightower said he couldn't find all of the money himself and she needed to pay $75,000 towards the ransom to secure both families' safe return.

20. David Berkowitz – Son of Sam



Serial killer David Berkowitz began a killing spree across New York City during the summer of 1976. The shootings left 6 people dead and a further 7 injured and happened in random locations. It was apparent that the killer favoured young women with long dark hair. The city was thrown into turmoil; it seemed that nowhere was safe and anybody could be next. Many women cut their hair short in an attempt to avoid becoming a target. The shootings resulted in the biggest manhunt that New York has ever seen. Berkowitz left no clues at crime scenes and law enforcement officials didn't know where to start. Berkowitz started sending letters to the police and journalists, calling himself the Son of Sam and expressing his determination to continue with his work. He taunted police for their fruitless efforts to find him. After just over a year of evading detection, unbelievably a parking ticket was to finally lead police to his door. He confessed to being the Son of Sam and explained that he committed the killings under the orders of his neighbour Sam's demon dog.

Film: Summer of Sam, 1999

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21. Sante and Kenneth Kimes



Sante and Kenneth Kimes were a murderous mother and son grifter team from New York. Although Sante Kimes was wealthy, she spent most of her adult life fleecing people out of cash and property. She created a convincing fantasy life for herself and her family which purportedly got them invited to a reception at the White House. Kimes spent time in prison for keeping slaves as housekeepers. Time behind bars taught her two things - how to be a better criminal and that she never wanted to go back to prison. She returned to the family home, but as Sante Kimes grew older her schemes were getting bigger. She needed an accomplice and her ever obedient son, Kenneth, would do anything that the controlling matriarch asked. During her 60s, Kimes was widowed and finally her schemes began to unravel. In an attempt to remain undetected, she even ordered Kenneth to kill on two occasions. Standing at his side, she would give him instructions in the same tone of voice she used to soothe him when he was tiny. In 1998, the pair were charged with the murder of an 82-year-old socialite; part of an elaborate scheme to adopt her identity and take control of her Manhattan mansion. Kenneth Kimes later confessed in great detail to the two other murders that they had committed together.

Films: A Little Thing Called Murder (2006), Like Mother Like Son: The Strange Story of Sante and Kenny Kimes (2004).

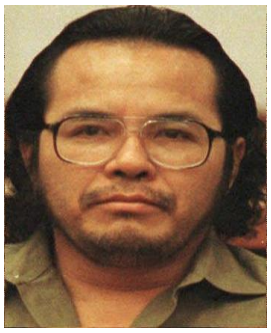
22. Robert Ben Rhoades – The Truck Stop Killer



Houston based Rhoades was a long-distance truck driver who travelled the length and breadth of the US. His vehicle had an unusual modification – a custom built torture chamber in the back. Rhoades would often pick up hitchhiking couples, kill and dump the male and keep the females imprisoned for weeks – tormenting and sexually assaulting them. He took photos of some of his victims whilst they were captive and once he was caught, these photos revealed other murders he had committed. He was eventually apprehended in 1990 when a Highway Patrol officer discovered a naked girl tied up and screaming in his truck. Rhoades was convicted of three murders, but is suspected of up to 50 more rapes, tortures and killings based on his truck routes and unsolved incidents from 1975 – 1990.

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23. Ángel Maturino Reséndiz – The Railway Killer



Ángel Maturino Reséndiz, nicknamed "The Railway Killer" caused panic and fear to spread through railway towns across the US. He stowed away on freight trains, travelling around looking for victims. He raped and murdered at least 15 people from 1986 to 1999, eight of them in Texas. His crimes never occurred far from the railroad tracks hence his nickname. When finally, fingerprints left at a crime scene gave Police a suspect, Resendiz found himself on the USA's Top 10 Most Wanted List. DNA confirmed he was the perpetrator in several crimes including the murder of a female Doctor in Houston and a Minister and his wife in 1997. He admitted to 9 killings during his Texas trial. He was executed in 2006.

24. Todd Christopher Kohlhepp



Aged 15, Kohlhepp kidnapped at gunpoint a 14-year-old girl. He took her back to his house, tied her up and raped her. He served 15 years in prison. Just 2 years after his release, his killings began. In 2003, he killed 4 people in a shooting at a Motorbike showroom in South Carolina, supposedly because they made fun of him for trying to take a bike back. The crimes were not attributed to Kohlepp at the time and he became a very successful Estate Agent and land owner. In 2016, a couple were reported missing. Police, following their last known mobile phone locations, found the woman chained by the neck and caged in a shipping container on Kohlepp's property. Her boyfriend had been killed straight away but she was kept captive and raped. Following his arrest, Police discovered 2 more bodies on Kohlepp's property. They were identified as a husband and wife who went missing the year before. Again, he had killed the husband immediately but kept the wife captive for some time, abusing her until he eventually killed her. He is now giving information about other killings

25. Daniel Lee Siebert



Having already served a sentence for manslaughter, Siebert was masquerading as an art teacher in Alabama, under the pseudonym, Daniel Spence. In 1996, when a student failed to turn up for a week, the school were unable to contact her and became concerned. They were right to be - she was found dead in her apartment together with her two children aged 4 and 5. Their bodies had been piled up on top of each other on her bed. Finger print evidence revealed that 'Spence' was actually Siebert, a convicted killer. Investigations revealed another missing student and she too was found slain in her own home. Siebert killed a further 2 women that year. When he was arrested, he confessed to more murders including 2 from 1985 in LA. He eventually admitted to 12 killings

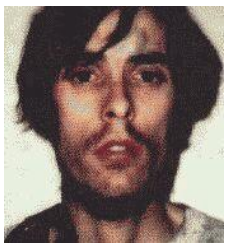
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26. William Suff



From 1989 to 1991, Suff, "The Lake Elsinore Killer", raped, beat, strangled, and stabbed at least 12 – and is suspected of killing more than 20 - women in California. He would mutilate his victims and pose their bodies. One victim was found with a lightbulb inserted into her womb and two more had a breast removed. Suff would also take trophies from his victims including jewellery and items of clothing. Later, he would clean these up and give them as gifts to female friends. The murders occurred just a few years after Suff was released from prison. He had been convicted of bludgeoning his 2-month-old daughter to death and spent 10 years in behind bars.

27. Richard Chase – The Vampire of Sacremento

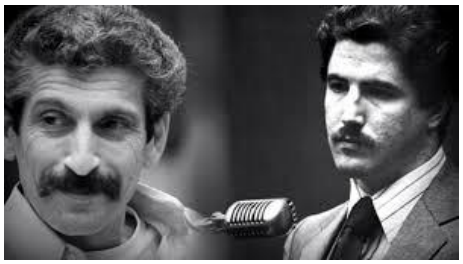


Serial killer Richard Chase's obsession with blood and trademark of drinking his victims' blood earned him the nickname The Vampire of Sacramento. In his early adult years, he killed and mutilated animals. Sometimes he would even inject himself with animal blood or eat their organs raw. His first murder was a random drive-by shooting but he found that this didn't satisfy him. He needed more. He needed their blood. His next victim was a young pregnant woman who he shot, raped, mutilated, removed organs from and drank her blood. Empowered by his crimes, just 4 days later he entered the home of a 38-year-old woman. Who was at home with her young son, her toddler nephew and a male friend. Chase killed and raped her before eating parts of her body. He also killed the friend and her 6-year-old son. A knock at the door startled Chase and he fled taking the woman's toddler with him. He was eventually caught due to evidence he had left at the scene in his haste to escape. There was no sign of the toddler and Chase refused to give up any information about his whereabouts. It was several weeks later when the toddler's body was finally discovered dumped behind a church.

Film: The 1987 movie *Rampage* was loosely based on Chase's story.

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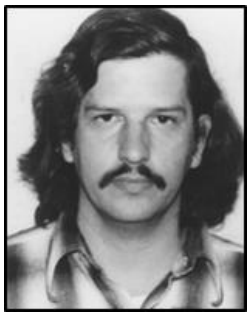
28. Kenneth Bianchi and Angelo Buono - The Hillside Stranglers



Between October 1977 and February 1978 cousins Kenneth Bianchi and Angelo Buono terrorised Los Angeles, killing 10 women and disposing most of the bodies in hills surrounding the area. The media were unaware that there were two perpetrators and therefore the moniker began as “The Hillside Strangler” after bodies were found strangled and dumped in the hills. However, due to the positions of the bodies, the police knew that there was more than one person involved. Before the killings, the pair began pimping for income. They also posed as police officers to lure in victims. They were charged with murder in January 1979. At this time, Bianchi had fled to Washington and killed a further two women he had lured to a home for a house-sitting job. During the trial, Bianchi attempted to plead insanity but court psychologists determined he was faking. He then agreed to plead guilty and testify against Buono in exchange for leniency. They were both found guilty and awarded life sentences. Buono died in 2002.

Films: The Case of the Hillside Stranglers – 1989, The Hillside Stranglers – 2001, Rampage: The Hillside Strangler Murders (2006) and another for cinema The Hillside Strangler (2004)

29. William Bonin – Freeway Killer



Bonin the 'Freeway Killer’, operated between 1979 and 1980, during which he raped, tortured and murdered at least 21 young men. Bonin would dump their bodies along freeways in South California. After being convicted for 14 of his killings, he was executed by lethal injection in 1996. Before his death, however, he continued his sadistic behaviour even behind bars; sending taunting messages to many of his victims' families, detailing how their children reacted to his torture.

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30. Sunset Strip Killers – California



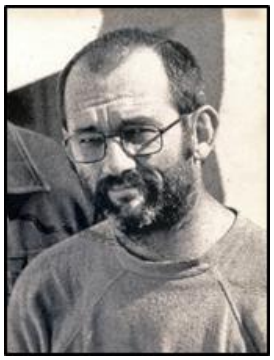
Douglas Daniel Clark is an American serial killer. Clark and his accomplice, Carol M. Bundy, were collectively known as the Sunset Strip Killers. They were accused and subsequently convicted of a series of murders in Los Angeles, California. The lovers who became known as the Sunset Strip Killers were both regulars in the seedy Los Angeles bar scene of the early 1980s. It was in these dive bars that Doug Clark gave him himself the nickname “the king of the one night stand.” Clark was an aimless drifter who worked menial jobs around southern California before he decided to dedicate his life to something he felt he could excel at: murder. Doug Clark met his accomplice, Carol Bundy at a bar they both frequented. Bundy also harboured a dark secret: She had the same dark, violent sexual impulses as Doug Clark. The two soon moved in together – and embarked on a murder rampage that shocked Los Angeles.

31. Lonnie David Franklin – The Grim Sleeper



Grim Sleeper is the nickname for an alleged serial killer in Los Angeles, California, believed to be responsible for at least ten murders, one suspected and one attempted murder in Los Angeles since 1985. The attacker was dubbed the "Grim Sleeper" because he took a 14-year hiatus from his crimes, from 1988 to 2002. On July 7, 2010, a suspect, Lonnie David Franklin Jr., 57, was arrested. Los Angeles County District Attorney, Steve Cooley, charged him with ten counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and special circumstance allegations of multiple murders in the case.

32. Patrick Wayne Kearney – Trash Bag Killer



Patrick Wayne Kearney operated between 1965 -1977. He preyed on young men in the California area and may be among one of the most prolific serial killers in America. Kearney, who had a high IQ, was primarily a necrophile, standing at just 5’5” tall he would pick up homosexual men, usually of much greater stature than him, before killing or incapacitating them and defiling their bodies. Once captured, he confessed to 32 murders. Kearney would dump their bodies along California highways and wrapped them in trash bags, earning this title. He was convicted of 21 murders and is serving life in prison following his confession.

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33. Jerry Brudos – The Shoe Fetish Killer



Jerry Brudos was an American serial killer who was convicted of murdering four women in the late 1960s. Born and raised in South Dakota, Jerry was subjected to physical assaults by his mother, who had hoped for a girl child when Jerry was born. This troublesome childhood radiated to his adulthood, and he turned out to be a sexual predator and a psychotic serial killer. At the age of 17, he was accused of forcibly stripping a girl naked and taking her photographs. For a few years following that, he lived a normal life. However, in the late 1960s, his inner animal went berserk with rage and lust. He claimed his first victim in early 1968 and then embarked on a murderous spree. All the murders appeared to be sexually motivated. It seemed that when he was unsuccessful in making sexual relations with his victims when they were alive, he murdered them and raped their corpses, thereby indulging in necrophilia. He was imprisoned with three consecutive life sentences, in 1969, for his heinous crimes. He was kept in the 'Oregon State Penitentiary,' where he died of liver cancer in 2006.

34. Keith Jesperson – The Happy Face Killer



Keith Jesperson started his 5-year killing spree in January 1990 just outside of Portland. His victim list would end with seven more people, all women, who he strangled in states across the country including California, Washington, Wyoming, Nebraska and Florida. Soon after he killed his first victim, Jesperson wrote a confession on the bathroom wall of a truck stop hundreds of miles away, signed with a happy face. When that confession didn't garner the attention he wanted, he ratcheted up his efforts, penning letters to prosecutors and the media, including The Oregonian, taunting authorities with more happy faces. He was arrested in 1995 after he killed his girlfriend in Camas, Washington, and confessed to the other seven murders.

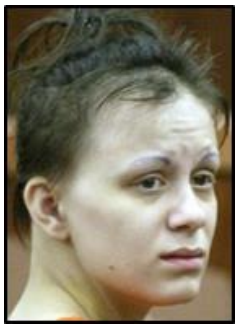
35.Tommy Lynn Sells



Tommy Lynn Sells is perhaps the most dangerous Texan in history. He claimed to have killed at least 70 people. His brutal spree traversed 1985 to 1999, with horrific crimes including stabbing a 13-year-old girl 16 times. Sells was eventually arrested after he broke into the bedroom of a 10-year-old girl, stabbing her and leaving her to die. But despite her severe injuries, the brave child survived and gave a detailed description of Sells to the police. He was sentenced to death and was executed in April 2014.

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36. Christine Paolilla



Christine Paolilla was convicted of shooting four of her friends to death in 2003 in what became known as the 'Clear Lake Massacre' and made national headlines. As a young girl, Christine was diagnosed with alopecia and began wearing wigs. During her childhood, Paolilla's self-confidence was very low and she was bullied for her appearance. She attended Clear Lake High School in Houston, Texas, where she befriended Rachael Koloroutis and Tiffany Rowell, who helped her fit in with the other students. The 17-year-old Paolilla, along with her drug-addict boyfriend, gunned down Rowell and Koloroutis, along with Rowell's boyfriend and his cousin. Rowell and Koloroutis were both shot multiple times, including in the crotch – possible evidence of sexual envy.

37. Dayton Leyroy Rogers – The Molalla Forest Killer



Dayton Leroy Rogers, also known as the "The Molalla Forest Killer," has been called one of the most sadistic and prolific serial killers in Oregon history. Convicted in 1989 of killing seven women in the Molalla Forest, Rogers used a hacksaw to cut off two of the women's feet and was said to have gutted another from sternum to pelvis. Rogers was originally sentenced to death, but had the ruling overturned three times on technicalities until a final death sentence was imposed in 2015.

38. Richard Roszkowski



Richard Roszkowski was a career burglar and drug addict who began to fixate and stalk ex-girlfriend and neighbour Holly Flannery. On the morning of September 7th, 2006, Roszowski kidnapped Holly and her 9 year old daughter Kylie driving them to a boarding house nearby. There he shot a good Samaritan who he had mistakenly assumed was having a relationship with Holly (in fact they had never met before that day) before turning the gun on Holly whilst she begged for him not to kill her in front of her daughter. Roszkowski executed her and then chased the frightened schoolgirl through the streets immobilising her by shooting her in the leg. As she begged for mercy Roszkowski shot her twice more in the head. At trial, Roszkowski claimed he didn't remember the murders, described by a local crime reporter who attended the murder scene as 'one of the worst crimes in the city's history'. The killer expressed his remorse but these were purely crocodile tears as the realisation dawned on him that he would be the last man to be sentenced to the death penalty in the state. Post sentence he also gained international recognition when the President of Poland stepped in begging Connecticut officials to reconsider the death penalty effectively challenging the capital punishment laws. He was later resentenced to Life without parole.

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