

Lorenzo Gilyard



Serial killer researched and Summarized by
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Date	Age	Life Event
5/24/1950	0	Born in Kansas City, Missouri
4/17/1977	27	Stacie L. Swofford, 17, was found dead in a vacant lot at 45th Street and Euclid Avenue
1/23/1980	30	Gwendolyn Kizine, 15, was reported missing on January 22, 1980, and was found dead the next day behind a building at 1312 the Paseo
11/1981	32	Gilyard's longest stretch in prison, after a stealing conviction
5/9/1982	32	Margaret J. Miller, 17, was found dead in a vacant lot near 37th Street and Garfield Avenue
3/14/1986	35	Catherine M. Barry, 34, was found dead in an abandoned building near 30th and Central streets
8/16/1986	36	Naomi Kelly, 23, was found dead in a city park at 10th and Harrison streets on Aug. 16, 1986.
11/27/1986	36	Debbie Blevins, 32, was found dead in bushes outside a church at 38th and Wyandotte streets.
4/17/1987	36	The body of Ann Barnes, 36, was found 10 years after Swofford, at 13th Street and Lydia Avenue.
6/9/1987	37	Kellie A. Ford, 20, was found dead in Roanoke Park at 1300 W. Valentine Road.
9/12/1987	37	Angela Mayhew, 19, was found dead in the 2600 block of Genessee Street.
11/3/1987	37	Shelia Ingold, 36, was found dead in an abandoned van parked in the 3700 block of Troost Avenue.
12/19/1987	37	Carmeline Hibbs, 30, was found dead in a parking lot at 3560 Broadway

Physically attractive?	
Physical defect?	
Speech defect?	
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	
Psychologically abused?	
Sexually abused?	
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	10
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	
IQ	
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Trash collector at Deffenbaugh Disposal, supervisor for trash collection in Kansas (Disposal Service Deffenbaugh)
Employment status during series	Employed as a supervisor at a trash collection company, Deffenbaugh Disposal, since 1986.
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	
Lives with his children	
Living with	Spouse before arrested for the murders
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	

Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	
Time in forensic hospital?	
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes. Rape, the assault of his ex-wife, burglary, a bomb threat, and stealing.
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	13 (known victims)
Victim type	All but one of his victims were prostitutes and/or engaged in that lifestyle with use of drugs. The victim who was not a prostitute was a mentally ill woman in Kansas City who was known to frequently walk the streets and accept rides from strangers.
Killer age at start of series	27
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	9 Caucasian, 3 African American and 1 Austrian immigrant
Age of victims	15-36 years of age
Method of killing	Strangled, most victims had pieces of clothing stuffed in their mouths and ligature marks on their necks. Some of the victims were posed.
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Prosecutors believe that he drove to the crime scenes
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer brought with him, killer found at scene, no weapon. Weapons included nylon stockings, shoe strings and wire.
Behavior During Crimes - All killings involved sexual assault	
Rape?	All but one of killings involved some type of sexual assault
Tortured victims?	
Stalked victims?	No, but prosecutors contend that in many of the cases Gilyard established contact with the victims several days before killing them.
Overkill?	

Quick & efficient?	
Used blindfold?	
Bound the victims?	Some were bound with or had something tied around their neck
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Frequently
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No evidence of this has been found
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes, on the occasions when the body was posed, bodies found in various places (abandoned van, a field, a parking lot and a snow drift)
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of body	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	The prosecution is seeking the death penalty, the trial is scheduled for October 2006. On August 24, 2006 the defense requested the trial be postponed until March 2007. Gilyard is facing ten counts of first-degree murder and two counts of capital murder.
Date killer arrested	August 2004
Date convicted	The trial was originally scheduled for October 2006, however, a motion was made on August 24, 2006 to postpone the trial until March 5, 2007 due to budget cuts in the state public defender system. The motion was granted. Throughout pre-trial hearing attorneys have debated several issues surrounding the case, including the possibility of eliminating the death penalty. A key piece of evidence was prematurely destroyed by the Kansas City Police Department, a blue coat with blood stains. Because of this the defense has requested that the prosecutions death penalty motion be relinquished. The prosecution is seeking multiple trials with the first one solely

	focusing on five killings that occurred between 1986 and 1987.
Sentence	Gilyard is awaiting trial, trial scheduled for March 2007.
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, he simply plead not guilty
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Not applicable
Name and state of prison	While awaiting trial Gilyard is being held at the Missouri Department of Corrections.
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still living

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