

Sebastian Shaw
“Joe, Tony, Ito”
Chau Quang Ho



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Date	Age	Life Event
11/28/1967	0	Born as Chau Quang Ho in Phuoc Tuy, Republic of South Vietnam
	Before 4 th grade	Chau moves to Oregon with his father, Van. His father gets re-married (though he had a wife and 2 daughters back in Vietnam.) He has two more children with his new wife
	During 4 th grade	Teacher reports that Chau has temper tantrums. Becomes an Alter Server for Saint Mary Catholic Church
Aug-Nov 1975	7-8	Lived at a Marine Corps base camp in Pendleton, CA in Army tents
11/ 30/1975	8	Group from Port Arthur, TX sponsors them to come live in Texas.
	14	Moves to Woodburn, Oregon. Begins and really enjoys high school, people like him
	In high school	Chau doesn't feel good, overdoses with aspirin. Aunt believes this was a suicide attempt.
		Bikes 30 miles to Portland, OR to a police station to tell them how terrible his father treats him. Police contact his school.
1985	17	Chau and Van (his father) get in a fight because Chau didn't want to help his father because Chau had a test the next day. Van took a piece of wood and savagely beat his son. Chau leaves the house and moves to California to live with his aunt and cousin.
	18	Works for a company, then joins the United States Marine Corps. Stationed in United States and in Okinawa, Japan
1990	22	Applied for honorable discharge from Marine Corp. Other Marines claim this is because he could not keep his weight down. He then returns to live in Oregon.
10/05/1990	22	Hired as a security dispatcher for the Paragon Cable Company. Changes his name to Sebastian Alexander Shaw.
06/1991	23	Co-worker Shirley Phillips reported him twice for inappropriate comments and sexual harassment
07/02/1991	23	Shirley Phillips finds warnings from Shaw on her desk. He is then fired from Paragon Cable. Shaw takes out his anger on a stranger - Jay Rickbeil (40 years old) – who dies after having his throat slit.

1992	24	Is employed as a security guard.
07/17/1992	24	Following a fight with two coworkers, Shaw takes out his anger by killing two more strangers in their home - Todd Rudiger & Donna Ferguson (18) (rapes her first)
1993	25	Enrolls at California State University in San Bernardino
05/27/1994	25	Jenny Lin (14) mysteriously murdered – Shaw was in the area (Castro Valley, CA) at the time, but there was no direct evidence that Shaw committed the crime
Spring 1994		Works as a security guard at a nearby California court of appeals
1994	26	Shaw terminated from the security guard job
During 1994	26	Michelle Lewis of Redding, CA, who was working at the mall, realized her primary voter booklet had been stolen by Shaw
08/30/1994	26	Police arrest Shaw while he was sleeping in a stolen car. Car had been stolen from San Ramon, CA – near where Jenny Lin was killed. Charges were dropped and he only spent two weeks in jail. Police were stunned to find guns (two rifles), duct tape, several bullets (matching ammo later found in Shaw’s apartment), a hammer, a ski mask, a sock filled with a lead weight and a copy of “The Anarchist Cookbook” in the car. These items were later described by a Police Officer as a “rape/murder kit.” After the car was impounded, Shaw calls to try and get the things from the car back.
Aug 1994	26	Moves to Oregon, and gets temporary employment working with Oregon Staffing Services
02/04/1995 01/20/1996	27-28	Begins work at Safeway store in Portland, Oregon as a Courtesy Clerk. Has problems with female employees, has a high temper, and yells at co-workers
04/18/1995	27	Shaw helps elderly neighbors; Catches 3 of the 5 people who tried to rob the elderly couple before police came. Considered a hero.
05/28/1995		Co-worker reported seeing Shaw come into work (Safeway) late and mentioned he seemed to have been drinking. Uniform was noticeably dirty.
07/01/1995	27	Rapes Amanda Carpova, an 18-year old girl at her apartment and attempts to kill her, but she fights back and Shaw does not go through with the murder.
01/19/1996	28	Lives with several other young men. Gets in a fight with one of his roommates, Russ Sperou, goes upstairs to get a gun and starts shooting in Serous’ room Shaw is arrested for menacing/criminal mischief and unlawful use of firearms.
1996	28	Shaw enters Oregon Criminal System database – is now under watch by the authorities
06/05/1996	28	Gets in a fight with his step-sister – pushes her very hard
Sep 1996 - Feb 1997	28-29	Shaw is seeing Dr. Leung (Psychiatrist)
March 1997	29	Stops seeing Dr. Leung
09/05/1997		Positive match between sperm cell taken from Donna Ferguson and from the Amanda Carpova case- found that the sperm in both cases match, but detectives did not know it was Shaw’s
1998	29	Shaw terminates job at Safeway; exact date is unknown
01/15/1998		Detectives Bocciolatt and Stahlman interview Shaw
02/06/1998		Previous co-worker, from Safeway, calls police because she believes Shaw is stalking her
02/13/1998		Shaw is not careful. Police stake him out and see Shaw finish smoking a cigarette. Shaw throws the finished cigarette in the street, making it fair game for law enforcement. Once Shaw is out of sight, police gather the cigarette for DNA testing.
02/19/1998		Carrie Hilliard said she saw Shaw walk into Safeway store before Christmas. He

		asked if she was still in charge of the Safeway store where he used to work.
02/20/1998		Detectives Stahlman and Bocciolett get the call that the DNA from the cigarette butt was consistent with having come from the vaginal swab taken from Amanda Carpova
02/21/1998		Police wait outside the library to arrest Shaw, based on evidence they received the previous day. He was arrested at around 1:20 p.m.
		In prison Shaw was calm and collected; he danced and sang in his cell, which was especially strange since he was facing such serious criminal charges.
02/18/2000		Shaw is charged with 3 counts of the 42. Two Aggravated Murders, Attempted Aggravated Murder. Sentenced to life without parole or 240 months (20 years)
06/13/2000		Detectives meet Shaw at the Oregon State Penitentiary and ask him to answer questions about the cases
12/2000	33	Authorities take blood from Shaw, because he was an inmate he was unable to refuse this action. Blood taken was used to match DNA. Shaw's blood matched that which was found at Jay Rickbeil's house
2006	38	Jury sentences Shaw to life in prison for Rickbeil's murder. The 9-3 vote was not enough to get the death penalty.
05/24/2007	39	Alameda County prosecutors decide not to file charges against Shaw for the 1994 murder of 14-year old Jenny Lin. Shaw is the primary suspect in the murder

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	Asian (Vietnamese)
Number of victims	13 suspected, 10 convicted, 0 confessed to
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Oregon, California
Cities where killing occurred	Portland, San Bernardino
Type of killer	Stalker
Height	5'8"

Childhood Information

Date of birth	November 28 th , 1967
Location	Vietnam
Birth order	1 st (and only)
Number of siblings	Later had two step sisters
XYY?	No
Raised by	Mother's neighbors, but then Aunt found he was not taken care of (got a disease from red ant bites) and took him into her home. He then moved to Oregon to live with his birth father
Birth category	Only child
Parent's marital status	Mother died when Shaw was 10 months old, Father away due to military
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	No
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	Yes - paternal aunt, Anna Ho
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	Yes, Ly Do, who ended up marrying his father after she was taking care of Shaw
Family event	Death of mother, abusive father, moved to US from Vietnam during harsh times
Age of family event	10 months
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	Yes, because of his weight. In high school people liked him but his

	father was a huge bully in his life
Physically attractive?	Not physically attractive
Physical defect?	None known
Speech defect?	None known
Head injury?	None known
Physically abused?	Father used harsh discipline, hits son with board, belt, or rock when he does something wrong as a form of punishment. He couldn't sit because the pain hurt so badly.
Psychologically abused?	At age 7 in 1975 he escaped Vietnam.
Sexually abused?	3rd grade abused by two of father's friends
Father's occupation	Military
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	Stay at home mom
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Alcohol
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	13
Highest degree	High school diploma
Grades in school	
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	United States Marine Corps
Type of discharge	Applied for honorable, but was denied. Marines discharged him because he would not/could not keep his weight down and this could interfere with work performance.
Saw combat duty	Wanted to, but was denied access because he still had relatives living in Vietnam at that time
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	Dispatcher
Fired from jobs?	Yes, multiple jobs
Types of jobs worked	Security, cashier, dispatcher
Employment status during series	Unemployed, then employed at Safeway
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	
Living with	Aunt, Father, Roommates, Coworker
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	

Killer Criminal History (Prior to the Series)	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, stole car and guns
Spend time in jail?	About two weeks for a stolen car
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	3 killed, 1 raped (that is known)
Victim type	
Killer age at start of series	23 years old
Date of first kill in series	July 2 nd , 1991
Date of final kill in series	Supposedly July of 1992, but he claims to have killed more and was still a suspect in other cases
Gender of victims	Two males, one female (that is known) One female was raped by Shaw
Race of victims	All Caucasian
Age of victims	Rickbeil = 40 yrs ; Carpova = 18yrs
Type of victim	Strangers to Shaw, a young couple, a handicapped male, and a pretty, young female.
Method of killing	Blindfold, bondage, stabbing
Weapon	
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	n/a
Sex of partner	n/a
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Walking distance, once drove to crime
Location of first contact	
Location of killing	Victim's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	No
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Put Todd Rudiger in the closet while he raped and killed Donna Ferguson (and then killed Todd), Tied Todd & Donna up with telephone cords to inflict feelings of helplessness
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	Yes for some victims
Bound the victims?	Yes
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?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes, a few items, guns, etc.
Robbed victim or location	Yes

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	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	February 21 st , 1998
Date convicted	- February 14 th , 2000 for the Donna Ferguson and Todd Rudiger case, as well as the case of Amanda Carpova. - April 17 th 2006 for Jay Rickbeil case
Sentence	Life in prison for both cases, until natural death
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	
Did serial killer confess?	Not initially, but confessed after conviction and then recanted
Name and state of prison	Oregon Department of Corrections, Oregon
Killer committed suicide?	No, but attempted it while in jail
Killer killed in prison?	No, attempted
Date of death	
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