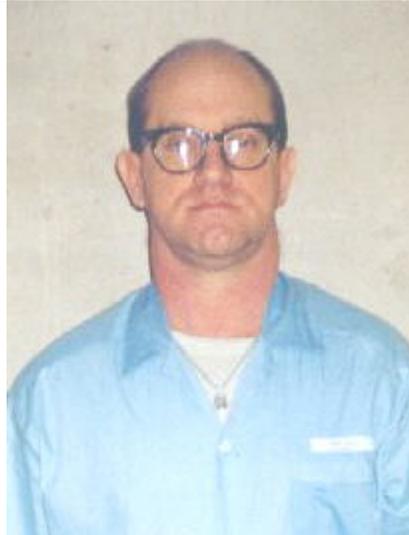


## Jesse James Cummings



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Date	Age	Life Event
11/19/1955	0	Born in Modesto, California
1973	18	Married his first wife, 15-year-old Margaret Helen Yaws
1978	23	Met 24-year-old Janet Moore in Arkansas (Margaret left him)
1983	28	Met 17-year-old Sherry. Sherry lives with him and Janet gets pregnant
		Scissor fight with Janet then divorced
1/24/1986	31	Mother, Marie dies at age 65
11/1985		Received a tympanoplasty
1985		Receives certificate of training from Ranger Security & Investigations for basic armed guard training
6/9/1987	32	Sherry gives birth to Jessica Marie
10/8/1987	32	Married Sherry then starts beating her and making her prostitute.
		Moved to Batesville, Arkansas – becomes a truck driver
		Dates another woman named Faye but she dies in car crash
4/21/1988	33	Admitted into Valley View hospital in Ada, OK for neck, back pain, head ache, and syncope
4/29/1988	33	Lymphoma removed from neck
6/14/1989	34	Married Anita – quits being a truck driver
8/31/1989	34	Moves to Tupelo, Oklahoma
12/1989	35	Finds house in Phillips, Oklahoma with Anita & Sherry

1990	35	Meets David Cathey
9/1990	35	Eye surgery for glaucoma
11/1990	36	Eye surgery for glaucoma
2/1991	36	Eye surgery for glaucoma
9/4/1991	36	Disappearance of Judy & Melissa (step sister & niece of Cummings)
9/8/1991	36	Cummings reports Judy & Melissa missing
9/9/1991	36	Seven Lee finds Judy's body
		Jesse plans funeral
		Investigation of Melissa's whereabouts
10/16/1991	36	Brian William's finds Melissa's skeletal remains
		Jesse plans funeral
10/30/1991	36	Tells Anita how he killed Melissa
11/4/1991	36	Father, Jesse Jr. dies
11/5/1991	35	Plans father's funeral
3/14/1992	36	Sherry attempts suicide
		Fight with a man, gets stabbed
5/1993	37	Granted Social Security Benefits

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	2 counts of first-degree murder
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Oklahoma
Cities where killing occurred	Phillips
Type of killer	Revenge killer
Height	n/a

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	11-19-1955
Location	Modesto, California
Birth order	6 <sup>th</sup> out of 7
Number of siblings	6
XYY?	n/a
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Second youngest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Dad in prison for 5 years, mother shot at him with a gun while drunk, and mother dies of cancer, father dies of cancer
Age of family event	1961, teen, 1986, 1991
Problems in school?	n/a
Teased while in school?	n/a
Physically attractive?	No
Physical defect?	Borderline mentally retarded, nerve damage from a gun shot, 1988 had a Lymphoma removed from

	the back of his neck, had glaucoma in eye and had to have several surgeries
Speech defect?	n/a
Head injury?	Headaches since he was young, nerve damage from a gun shot, 1988 had a Lymphoma removed from the back of his neck
Physically abused?	Mother physically abused him. Would whip him and beat him as well as all of his siblings
Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	n/a
Father's occupation	Cotton fields, lettuce farm, hauling wood, mechanics
Age of first sexual experience	n/a
Age when first had intercourse	n/a
Mother's occupation	Stay at home mom
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Drink a little but not considered an alcoholic
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Alcoholic
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	5 <sup>th</sup> grade (did not complete)
Highest degree	n/a
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	81
Source of IQ information	Innocent in prison project international
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	n/a
Type of discharge	n/a
Saw combat duty	n/a
Killed enemy during service?	n/a
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	Weaver Trucking
Types of jobs worked	Mechanic, security, drove trucks
Employment status during series	Bond recovery agent
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	Two biological children, one step child
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Wives and children
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	Yes
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No

<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Dependent on Percodan & other pain killers after surgery
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	No
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes; joy riding and burglaries
Spend time in jail?	Yes; juvenile facility
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	2
Victim type	Family members (step-sister and niece)
Killer age at start of series	36 years old
Date of first kill in series	9/5/1991
Date of final kill in series	9/5/1991
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Niece 11 years old, Step-sister 46
Type of victim	Family members
Method of killing	Step sister- instructed wife Anita to shoot and kill her Niece- slashed her throat
Weapon	Step sister- gun was owned by Cummings Niece- hunting knife was brought to scene
Was gun used?	In one murder
Type	.38
Did killer have a partner?	-Yes, both of his wives were involved. -Anita killed Judy (Step-sister), but both Anita and Sherry helped dispose of her body along with Cummings -Sherry went with him to kill Melissa (niece), but didn't see him do it or help do it (she stayed in the car)
Name of partner	Anita and Sherry Cummings
Sex of partner	Females
Type of serial killer	Revenge.
How close did killer live?	-Step sister, Judy, was killed by Anita in the home and then Cummings, along with wives, disposed of her body in a nearby lake

	-Niece, Melissa, was killed by Cummings in wooded area within driving distance of his home
Location of first contact	Victims were relatives, they frequently visited Cummings' home and vice versa
Location of killing	-Step sister, Judy, was killed at Cummings' house -Niece, Melissa, was killed in wooded area within driving distance of his home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	One (Step sister, Judy)
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Step sister, Judy, killed at contact in Cummings' home Niece, Melissa, abducted from Cummings' home and taken to the location where she was killed
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	Yes, but only for Melissa (niece). Cummings raped her, with the help of his wives, at his home before leaving to go to the crime scene. Then he raped her again at the crime scene right before he killed her.
Tortured victims?	Cummings was known to abuse and control all of his family members. He controlled his step-sister, but never tortured her. Prior to the day of the murder, he had never abused Melissa.
Stalked victims?	No. They were family members, so he saw them often.
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Bound Melissa, the niece, during the first rape at his home. But there was nothing said about him binding her during drive to the crime scene or during the murder.
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes, he took Melissa's clothing after he killed her and kept the items in his car.

Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Niece, Melissa, was left at the scene (in a wooded area).
Left at scene, hidden	No, just left her on the dirt path.
Left at scene, buried	No.
Moved, no attempt to hide	Step-sister, Judy, was moved first by Cummings' wives to the cellar at the family home. Then when Cummings arrived later that evening, the three of them drove her body to a nearby lake and left the body in the water.
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July, 28, 1994
Date convicted	May 9, 1996
Sentence	Sentenced to death for two counts of first degree murder (victims: my sister and niece)
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A
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