Jeffrey Dahmer



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Date	Age	Life Event
5/21/60	0	Jeffrey Dahmer was born in Milwaukee, WI. He was the first born child of Lionel and Joyce Dahmer. His mother is reported having a difficult pregnancy.
1960	0-2	As a tot, he was a happy, bubbly youngster who loved stuffed bunnies, wooden blocks, etc. He had a great number of ear and throat infections. He and his father nursed and released a bird back to health.
1962	2	Family moved to Iowa where Lionel began working on his PH.D. at Iowa State University
1964	4	Father swept out remains of small animals underneath the house, Jeffrey was thrilled by the sounds they made
1966 12/18/66	6	Family moved to Doylestown, Ohio He began first grade at Hazel Harvey Elementary School in Barberton, OH. Jeffrey's brother David was born, teachers reported him feeling neglected Parents move into separate bedrooms in the house. Jeffrey suffered from a double hernia and had surgery to correct the problem. (some sources report the hernia operation occurred at age 4)
1967	7	Dahmer family moved into a new house He developed a close relationship with a boy named Lee. He was very fond of one of his teachers and took her a bowl of tadpoles; Later found out she had given them to his friend Lee. He killed the tadpoles with motor oil.
1968	8	Dahmer family moves to 4480 W. Bath Road, Bath, Ohio Jeffrey attended Bath Elementary School.
		Dahmer's probation officer referred to a statement by Lionel that his son had been

		sexually abused by a neighbor at this age. Both Lionel and Jeffrey denied it
1968	8	Jeffrey was given a chemistry set, which he used to experiment with animals. He
1700	0	preserved insects in jars and later impaled cats and frogs on sticks.
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		Boyhood friends recall that Jeffrey was interested in the insides of animals,
		specifically how things worked underneath the skin. One day while fishing, he
		chopped his catch into little pieces so he could see the inner workings
1968	8	Steve Lehr, a boyhood friend, recalls playing a nighttime game with Jeffrey called
		"Ghosts in the Graveyard."
		Steve says that Jeff was a little strange.
1970	10	Started collecting road-kill, bleaching the bones of chickens, keeping insects in
1770	10	bottles of formaldehyde, decapitating small rodents, learned to use acid to strip
		meat of the bones of the dead animals
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1972	12	Job at a nursery selling shrubbery
		His boss said he was very enthusiastic.
1973	13	Began to drink alcohol
1974	14	Jeff attended Revere High School. He played clarinet in the school band his
		freshman year.
		Dahmer reportedly had his first homosexual experience this year and confessed
		that he began to regularly fantasize about having sex with a corpse.
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		He began drinking alcohol more often.
1975	15	Jeffrey road around with plastic garbage bags and collected the remains of
		animals. He would strip the flesh from the bodies. He mounted a dog's head on a
		stake.
		Jeff had average grades in high school. Classmates considered him an alcoholic
		and a loner. He played intramural tennis his sophomore through senior year.
1976	16	Classmates say Dahmer developed a noticeable drinking problem.
1770	10	He began drinking scotch in class.
		Seen as desperate and lonely by his peers
		He worked on the school newspaper his junior year.
1977	17	He went to the senior prom with Bridget Geiger.
		School trip to Washington DC. Jeff made a phone call to the Vice Presidents office
		school up to washington DC. Jen made a phone can to the vice riesidents office
		Traces outlines of bodies on schoolroom floor with chalk for laughs
1978		Dahmer sneaked into National Honor Society yearbook picture, his prank was
		caught
		His parents filed for divorced and had a custody battle over son David (age 12).
		Father moves out
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6/18/78		Committed first murder (Steven Hicks, 18)
		Picked him up hitchhiking and invited him back for drinks; They got drunk and
	18	had sex. After trying to leave, Dahmer hit Hicks in the back of the head with a
	10	barbell and killed him.
		The body was dragged beneath the house, where it was dismembered with a
		kitchen knife. The parts were placed in plastic bags and buried behind the house.
7/24/78		Divorce is granted, mother given custody of David
August,		Joyce and her younger son left Jeffrey at home, and moved away; Father moved
		Joyce and her younger son left Jeffrey at home, and moved away; Father moved back in with Jeffrey. Father appealed for custody again, and won custody of son

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Fall 1978		Jeffrey enrolls in Ohio State University.
		Questioned in connection with the theft of a watch
		Dropped out due to his drinking problem
12/29/78		Jeffrey enrolled in the army.
1/12/79	18	Dahmer reports for duty in the U.S. Army at Fort McClellan in Anniston, AL,
1, 12, 7, 2	10	hoping to become a military policeman.
		He was reassigned to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, as a medical
		specialist.
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7/13/79	19	Dahmer sent to Baumholder, West Germany, to serve as a combat medic.
		Reported that he drank heavily and listened to Black Sabbath.
		Coincidentally, 5 unsolved murders involving mutilation of victims occurred during Dahmer's stay there.
March, 1981	20	Pfc. Jeffrey Dahmer discharged under an army regulation concerning alcohol and
March, 1981	20	drug abuse
		Dahmer moved to Miami beach, where he worked in a sub shop called "Sunshine
		Subs."
		Coincidentally, four months after Dahmer moved to Florida, a 6-year-old boy
		named Adam Walsh was abducted and found decapitated in a nearby canal.
		Dahmer never claimed the murder, it still remains a mystery.
10/7/81	21	Dahmer was arrested at the Ramada Inn in Bath, Ohio. He was charged with
10/ // 01	21	disorderly conduct, having an open container, and resisting arrest.
1982	21	Dahmer moved to West Allis, WI to live with his elderly grandmother.
January,	21	Dahmer bought a .357 magnum revolver and used it for target shooting. Father,
1982		Lionel, took it away
August	22	Arrested at the Wisconsin State Fair for drunk and disorderly conduct
August, 1982	22	Fined \$50
1983	23	Got a Job at the Milwaukee Blood Plasma Center
1700		He took home a vile of blood, drank it and never tried it again.
January	24	Got a job at Ambrosia Chocolate Co. earning \$9/hr.
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		Started attending church
		Hid in a department store and stole a male mannequin, took it home and related to
0/06/96	26	it in a sexual way. Grandmother found the mannequin, so he threw it away.
9/06/86	26	Dahmer arrested for lewd and lascivious behavior after masturbating in front of two 12-year-old boys on the banks of the Kinnickinnic River. Charged with
		disorderly conduct and sentenced to one year probation.
		also delly conduct and someneed to one year probation.
June, 1987	27	Kicked out of Club Baths. Accused of drugging people in his private room
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9/15/87		Dahmer picked up 25-year-old white male, Steven Tourmi, at a gay bar called
		Club 219. They went to the Ambassador Hotel, got drunk and passed out. When
		Dahmer awoke, he said Tourmi was dead and blood was coming out of his mouth.
		Dahmer stated he could not remember the previous night's events. Dahmer bought
		a suitcase and put the corpse in it. He returned to his grandmother's basement
		where he had sex with the corpse, masturbated on it, and sliced the flesh off of it.

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		He then proceeded to dismember the remains, put them into plastic bags, and throw them away. (remains have never been found)
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December 1987		Tourmi was reported missing.
January, 1988	27	Dahmer kills James Doxtator (14). Dahmer picked up the boy outside Club 219 and invited boy back to his grandmother's house to earn some money posing nude, watching videos, and having a drink. They went back and had sex. Dahmer dropped sleeping pills in the boys drink. He strangled the boy in his sleep. He later dismembered the corpse with a knife, broke the bones with a sledge hammer, and threw the remains in the trash. Probation ends
3/20/88	27	Kills Richard Guerrero (25) Dahmer picked him up outside "Club 219", brought him back to his grandmothers
3/24/88	27	house. The two had oral sex. Then, Dahmer drugged him and strangled him to death. He had sex with the corpse, dismembered the body and threw it away.
April	27	Ronald Flowers reported to police that Dahmer had invited him to his grandmother's house and had given him a drugged drink. He also reported stolen jewelry.
9/25/88	28	Jeffrey Dahmer moved into an apartment at 808 North 24 th Street, Milwaukee
9/26/88	28	Approaches a 13-year-old Laotian boy and offers \$50 to come to his apartment and pose for pictures. Dahmer convinced the boy to partially disrobe, took two Polaroid pictures of him, kissed his stomach, and touched his penis. The boy was drinking Irish Cream Liqueur laced with crushed tablets of Halcion. The boy did not fall asleep, so he returned home, and his family took him to the hospital.
9/27/88	28	Police arrested Dahmer at Ambrosia Chocolate Co. and searched his apartment He was charged with exploitation of a child and second-degree assault.
9/30/88	28	Dahmer pleaded not guilty at his preliminary hearing and was freed on \$2500 cash bail. Trial was set for May 1989

1/30/89 3/29/89	28 28	Dahmer changes plea to guilty. Dahmer kills Anthony Sears (24). Dahmer met Sears, a 24-year-old black male, at La Cage Aux Folles (a gay bar). He offered Sears money to be photographed. They went back to his grandmother's house, had sex and Dahmer gave Sears a drink laced with sleeping pills. Dahmer strangled him, had sex with the corpse, and dismembered the body. After decapitating the corpse, he boiled the head, removed the skin and painted the skull gray. (He kept the skull)	
5/23/89	29	Found guilty of 2nd degree assault in the case of the Laotian boy	
5/24/89	29	In court, sentenced to eight years Told inmates that he hated black people and would like to kill 1000 of them Prohibited any contact with children	
November, 1989	29	Given 12 hour pass to go home for Thanksgiving, went to a bar and got drunk instead. He awoke, tied up, to a man sexually assaulting him with a candlestick. He returned back to prison several hours late.	
12/10/89	29	Dahmer wrote a letter pleading for leniency, served only 10 months	
May, 1990	30	Dahmer moves to 924 25 th Street.	
June, 1990	30	Dahmer meets Edward Smith, 28 years old, at "The Phoenix Bar". The two go back to Dahmer's apartment to engage in sex, at his suggestion. Smith was drugged and murdered.	
July, 1990	30	Just weeks later, Dahmer meets Raymond Smith, aka "Ricky Lee Beeks" at the "219 Club" his seventh victim. Smith is drugged, murdered, and dismembered. (He kept the skull)	
9/3/90	30	24 year old Earnest Miller becomes Dahmer's eighth victim. His entire skeleton was kept as a souvenir. Dahmer also keeps Miller's biceps and later eats them.	
9/24/90	30	David Thomas, 24 years old, is murdered and dismembered by Dahmer. Dahmer takes photographs while the murder is in progress.	
2/18/91	30	19-year old Curtis Straughter engages in oral sex with Dahmer. He is later murdered and dismembered. (He kept the skull).	
4/7/91	30	19-year old Errol Lindsey is drugged, strangled, and used to perform oral sex with Dahmer. Once again, he is dismembered and Dahmer keeps the skull as a souvenir.	
5/24/91	31	Tony Hughes, deaf and mute, is passed a note from Dahmer at a club. Routinely, Dahmer invites him back to his apartment for drinks and pornography. Dahmer murders Hughes, dismembers him, and keeps the skull.	
5/26/91	31	Dahmer offers money to 14 year old Konerak Sinthasomphone. He drugs the child, as he did with almost all of his victims, and performs oral sex while he is unconscious. The child stumbles out of Dahmer's apartment, bleeding from the anus, and is spotted by two girls, who call the police. The police investigate, as the calm Dahmer explains that Konerak is his 19 year old lover. The police leave, and Konerak is later murdered and dismembered. (He kept the skull).	

6/30/91	31		another young victim of 20 years of age, is murdered and by Dahmer. The two originally met at a Gay Pride parade. Turner's	
			d in the freezer.	
7/5/91	31	Jeremiah Weinberger, 23, meets Dahmer at a nightclub. Weinberger spends the night at Dahmer's apartment. When Weinberger requested to leave the following day, Dahmer became angry and murdered and dismembered him. His head was also placed in the freezer.		
July, 1991	31	Dahmer purchases a fifty-seven gallon barrel of hydrochloric acid, which he plans to use as a method of disposing his victims.		
		Dahmer is fir	red from Ambrosia Chocolate Company for poor performance.	
7/15/91	31	23 year old Oliver Lacy spends some time at Dahmer's apartment, where they engage in sexual activity and sensual body rubs. Like the others, Lacy is drugged, murdered, and dismembered. His heart and head are placed in Dahmer's refrigerator.		
7/19/91	31	Joseph Bradehoft is Dahmer's last victim, 25 years of age and homosexual. The two men have sex, and Bradehoft is subsequently drugged, murdered, and dismembered. His head was placed in the freezer; other remains were stuffed in the barrel of acid.		
7/24/91	31	Tracy Edwards, heterosexual and 31 years old, meets Dahmer and goes back to his apartment to have drinks. Dahmer slaps a handcuff around Edward's wrist, and the victim quickly escapes. Edwards notifies the police, who visit an angry and resisting Dahmer. Further investigation leads to the frozen organs and the barrel of dissolved human remains. Dahmer is arrested.		
07/25/91	31	Dahmer is charged with four counts of homicide, as a result of the police search through his apartment. Dahmer admits that his crimes are wrong and declined to shift blame. His bail is set for 1 million dollars.		
January 13, 1992	32	Dahmer changes his plea from innocent, to guilty but insane.		
2/15/92	32	Dahmer has acquired a total of fifteen counts of murder and is found guilty for all. He is sentenced to 941 years in jail.		
November 28, 1994	34	Dahmer is sexually assaulted and murdered in jail, while cleaning a restroom, by convicted African-American murderer Christopher Scarver.		
General Info	rmation			
Sex			Male	
Race			White	
Number of victims			16	
Country where killing occurred			United States	
States where killing occurred			Wisconsin	
Childhood In		n		
Date of birth			5/21/60	
Location			Milwaukee	
Birth order			1 st of 2	
Number of	siblings			
XYY?			No Deth negative	
Raised by			Both parents Oldest	
Birth category			UIUESI	

Parent's marital status	Divorced when almost 18
Family event	Divorce
Age of family event	Almost 18
Problems in school?	Failed out of college because of drinking
Teased while in school?	Made fun of on occasion for being different/wild
Physically attractive?	Above average
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	Parents divorce, mother may have had a mental illness, neglect
Sexually abused?	Possibly by a neighbor, but denied by Dahmer
Father's occupation	Chemist
Age of first sexual experience	14
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	NA, but high strung from her father's alcoholism
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	13 (One semester in college)
Highest degree	High school diploma
Grades in school	
IQ	75
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Work History	N.
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army
Type of discharge	Dishonorable and early for habitual drunkenness
Saw combat duty	No, but was a combat medic in Germany
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	Yes, military police
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Sub shop, chocolate factory, plasma center, nursery
Employment status during series	Employed at Ambrosia Chocolate
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Homosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	
Living with	Self, grandmother
Triad	
Animal torture	Unlikely, preferred dead animals, however, some sources say yes
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History	

Committed previous crimes?	Yes- drunkenness, disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, child molesting
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes, age 18
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	16
Victim type	Homosexual male teenagers and young men
Killer age at start of series	27
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	Various, predominantly African- American
Age of victims	14-31
Method of killing	Drugging and strangulation
Type of serial killer	Organized lust
How close did killer live?	Typically occurred at his apartment or his grandmother's house, where he was living
Killing occurred in home of	No
victim?	
Killing occurred in home of	Yes
killer?	
Weapon	Typically, no weapon was used to kill the victim.
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	Not usually
Stalked victims?	NA
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	NA
Bound the victims?	Sometimes
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Yes
Mutilated body?	Yes
Ate part of the body?	Yes
Drank victim's blood?	Tried it once
Posed the body?	Yes, took pictures before and after death
Took totem – body part	Yes
Took totem – personal item	NA
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	Yes
Left at scene, buried	1 st victim, but later dug him up
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, ho attempt to hide	No
Cut-op and disposed of	Yes
Moved, too home	Killed and kept at home
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July, 23, 1991
Date convicted	February 15, 1992
Sentence	Life
Killer executed?	No
Name and state of prison	Columbia Correctional Institution, Wisconsin
Killer committed suicide?	No
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Killer killed in prison?	Yes			
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