

Jon Scott Dunkle



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Date	Age	Life Event
1960	0	Born in 1960 - - Couldn't find exact date of birth
		Former student clerk at Carlmont High
1980		Father bought him a white Honda Civic
11/1981- 11/1984	21-24	
		Attended Belmont Baptist
		Worker for Toys'R'Us
		Stole \$1000 worth of gold jewelry from Belmont Lapidary while he worked there (was later fired and rehired 3 times)
		Stole gold parts from computer firm where he worked for security
May 1981		Entered a Youth for Christ training camp in Oregon. He claimed they made him work too hard so he quit
11/1981	21	Arrested for DUI
11/08/1981		Murdered John Davies (15) of Belmont
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1982	22	Confessed to another DUI
		Tried to stab his friend John Wolfe with a butcher knife
Aug 1982	22	Arrested for a hit and run
11/05/1982	22	Attempted to kill Steve Murphy (16) of San Mateo by running him over and throwing him in a ditch
		Worked for the Bubble Machine and fired for two customer complaints and having temper tantrums
12/31/1982	22	Attempted to kill Monte Hansen but police considered the incident as a New Years Eve brawl
Jan 1983		Was hospitalized for injecting bacon fat into his penis while on LSD
Jan 1983		Worked for a gas station
July-Aug 1983	23	Was arrested for two more DUIs and sentenced to 120 days in prison and license revoked for 3 years
10/02/1984		Murdered Lance Turner (12) of Belmont. Turner was stabbed 23 times.
12/04/1984		Police interview Dunkel regarding the murder of John Davies.
12/07/1984		Police interview Dunkel regarding the murder of Lance Turner.

Jan 1985		Jon made friends with a girl named Lisa (who was really an undercover cop)
04/04/1985		Breaks into the home of Richard Renne for the purpose of burglary.
May 1985		Was arrested for burglary of Richard Renne's house
07/02/1985		Murdered Sean Dannehl (12) of Sacramento
07/05/1985		Police question Dunkel about Dannehl's murder.
		Sent to the San Mateo County jail for the May burglary charge.
10/03/1986	26	Jon confessed to the murders of Davies and Turner.
10/13/1986	26	Dunkle is examined by prosecution psychiatrist Dr. James Missett. Missett believes Dunkle is malingering his schizophrenia.
05/27/1987		Dunkle is examined by defense psychiatrist Dr. George Wilkinson.
06/02/1987	27	Was transferred from San Mateo jail to Chope Hospital disabled under 5150 because was experiencing hallucinations and wanted to kill himself and was discharged back to jail to have acute paranoid disorder
01/05/1988		Dunkle again examined by Dr. Wilkinson.
01/26/1988		Dunkle examined for a third time by Dr. Wilkinson who found him competent.
05/19/1988	28	Was diagnosed with chronic schizophrenia with acute exacerbation
03/21/1989		Dunkle examined by court-appointed psychiatrist (Roland Levy) who concludes Dunkle is not competent to stand trial.
07/16/1989		Dunkle again examined by Dr. Levy
08/03/1989	29	Jury finds Dunkle competent to stand trial.
10/10/1989		Trial begins for the murder of Davies and Turner.
12/06/1989	29	Convicted of 2 counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of John Davis and Lance Turner
12/31/1994	34	Plead guilty for the murder of Sean Dannehl.
July 2002	42	Jon was assigned a guardian due to his mental incompetence
Present	48	Dunkle is still in prison and if his lawyer can prove that he is insane he can still escape execution

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	3 and 2 attempts
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	California
Cities where killing occurred	Belmont and Sacramento
Type of killer	Disorganized - anger
Height	Described as short but unspecified

Childhood Information

Date of birth	1960
Location	Belmont, CA
Birth order	Unknown
Number of siblings	2
XYX?	
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Unknown
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Divorced in 1969 and remarried in 1971; brother Jeff was arrested for dealing drugs
Age of family event	9 and 11; 10
Problems in school?	Severe learning disabilities, temper tantrums, dyslexia, zero social skills
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	No, greasy hair, pimples, short, dirty teeth with a retainer

Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	Yes, he hinted to close family friend that dad beats him, also his brother got mad at him and threw him out a window
Psychologically abused?	Yes, he was teased, kids used him only for alcohol and rides, his dad refused that anything was his Jon's fault and that his friends and the police made him do bad things
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Barber
Age of first sexual experience	~25 years old grabbed the undercover cop, Lisa's, boob and proceeded to masterbate
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	Sears clerk
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	12
Highest degree	High school diploma
Grades in school	Unspecified, most likely poor grades because of learning disabilities
IQ	When in high school he tested with an IQ of 130 in areas not requiring reading and math; in 1987 Dr Wilkinson described his intelligence low-normal, no higher than 90
Source of IQ information	Brinck (1999, page 53), CA Supreme Court transcript
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?	Security guard @ Pinkerton Security
Fired from jobs?	Yes; Belmont Lapidary, Pinkerton Security, The Bubble Machine, and Carl's
Types of jobs worked	Toys 'R' Us; Belmont Lapidary (jewelry store); Pinkerton Security; The Bubble Machine; IRS warehouse; Carl's Jr
Employment status during series	Security Guard
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Evidence that he is a homosexual pedophile; no experience with women
Marital status	Single
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	No
Living with	Mother and Father and then moved to Sacramento with sister
Triad	
Animal torture	Unknown
Fired setting	Unknown
Bed wetting	Unknown
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Marijuana and LSD
Abused alcohol?	Yes

Been to a psychologist?	Yes, the "police shrink", Psychiatrist Hugh Ridelhuber
Time in forensic hospital?	Only during the trial for observation and testing
Diagnosis	Acute paranoia disorder
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Nov. 1981 DUI; Aug 1982 hit and run; July and Aug 1983 two DUIs; license revoked for 3 years and 120 days in prison; 1986 Burglary of Richard Renne
Spend time in jail?	Yes; 120 days after 4th DUI
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	4 and 2 attempts
Victim type	Family friend and 2 prebuescent boys
Killer age at start of series	26
Date of first kill in series	Nov. 8 th 1981
Date of final kill in series	July 2 nd 1985
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	12, 12, 15, 16
Type of victim	Family friend and 2 prebuescent boys
Method of killing	Stabbing with buck knife and used a pipe cleaner and a board with nails on it for the third victim
Weapon	Buck knife, pipe cleaner
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Type of serial killer	Disorganized anger
How close did killer live?	Biking distance
Location of first contact	First victim: at his home; second and third victim: found them at the park
Location of killing	Edgewood Park for first victim; park near Waterdog Lake for second victim; Lower Sunrise park for the third victim
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	1 st victim voluntarily went with killer; second and third were killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	Held first victim down and told him what he was going to do and third victim a board was placed over his eyes and his clothes were taken off for humiliation
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Yes for second victim
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	Board over 3 rd victims eyes
Bound the victims?	No
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	No
Robbed victim or location	no
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	
Left at scene, hidden	yes
Left at scene, buried	
Moved, no attempt to hide	
Moved, buried	
Cut-up and disposed of	
Moved, too home	
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	Oct. 3 1986
Date convicted	Dec 6 1989 convicted of 2 counts of first degree murder; Dec 31 1994 plead guilty to third victims murder
Sentence	Life without parole and death
Killer executed?	Not as of now
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	It is still under advisement
Did serial killer confess?	Confessed to all murders after conviction
Name and state of prison	San Mateo Prison
Killer committed suicide?	Attempted
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	

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