

# Paul Bernardo



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Date	Age	Life Event
August 27, 1964	0	Paul was born to Kenneth and Marilyn Bernardo, as a result of her affair with a former boyfriend, in Scarborough Canada. He was the last of three children
May 4, 1970	5	Karla Homolka was born to Karel and Dorothy Homolka. She was the first of three children
May 1971	6	Bernardo's mother locates her blood sisters and begins to visit with them on weekends leaving Bernardo and his siblings unsupervised
May 1975	10	Bernardo becomes close friends with two neighborhood boys, Van and Steve. They are always together and all members of the boy scouts where Bernardo receives the chief scout award. The boys begin to start fires using magnifying glasses and twigs/kindling
May 1977	12	Paul gets his first job working in a restaurant that is owned by a friend of his father
May 1979	14	Paul began high school and was doing well, but his parents never thought that anything was good enough.
June 1980	15	Paul meets his first love, Nadine Brammer, an attractive blonde, to whom he lost his virginity. She said that Paul was very controlling and over protective. Paul's mother reveals that Kenneth was not his real father. After this Paul referred to his mother as a slut and whore and she began to call him a bastard.
Spring 1981	16	Nadine breaks off the relationship with Paul due to her involvement with his good friend Steve. After this Paul is enraged and starts fire to all of the things that Nadine

		had given him
June 1982	17	Paul graduates from Sir Wilfred Lauier High School. Paul begins going to bars where he lies to women in order to have sex with them.
Fall 1983	19	Paul enrolls at the University of Toronto, Scarborough campus. Paul begins talking with his friend Van about his "Virgin Farm Fantasy" in which Paul would have stockpile of women that wanted to have sex with him.
1984	19-20	Paul dates many women but the relationships usually lasted no more than a month. If any of the women told about what he had done to them, he threatened to kill them.
1985	20-21	Paul's father is discovered to be a Peeping Tom in his neighborhood. Paul's lifestyle begins to change along with his attitude toward women. Due to his abusive nature and strange sexual preferences, all of his girlfriends end up leaving him.
Summer 1986	21	Bernardo has a restraining order issued against him for making obscene phone calls to his friend Van's ex-girlfriend. Bernardo still remains in a relationship with Carol, although engaging in several one night stands. Bernardo graduates from the University of Toronto and accepts a job as a junior accountant at Price Waterhouse in Toronto.  Paul starts to see a woman named Suzie while he is still with Carol. He is so controlling that, even after they find out about each other, they both remain with him.  Carol takes out a restraining order against Paul for obscene phone calls
1987		Paul graduates from college and gets a job as a junior accountant for the accounting firm Price Waterhouse. After dating Jennifer Thompson who threatened to go to the police, his dating starts to slow down.
May 4 1987	22	Paul commits 1 <sup>st</sup> rape, age 21, at a bus stop
May 14, 1987		Paul commits 2 <sup>nd</sup> rape, age 19, in front of her house
July 27, 1987		Paul attempts 3 <sup>rd</sup> rape, young woman at a bus stop
October 1987		Bernardo and Van meet Karla Homolka and Debbie Purdie, in a Howard Johnson Hotel. The night that they meet they have sex and Paul gets her phone number and address which is unlike Paul for a one night stand.
November 1987	23	Bernardo and Karla meet again. Paul drives to see Karla twice a week, and gives her love and attention as their relationship develops. Eventually, he starts to run every aspect of her life. He tells her what to wear, how to style her hair, what opinions to have and what to eat. He calls her fat and ugly. He learns that Karla is not a virgin and he is upset about this, although he is still very interested in her.
December 16, 1987		Paul commits 3 <sup>rd</sup> rape, age 15, getting off a bus, media coins the name "Scarborough Rapist"
December 23, 1987		Paul commits 4 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 27, stalked and attacked her with a knife
1988	23	Karla's friends find handcuffs in her bedroom; Karla reveals that Paul enjoys "playing games" in bed
March 1988		The Scarborough Rapist Task Force is formed by Metro Police. The rapes have stopped, except for a similar attack in May 1988 in a town nearby.

Karla's friend Lisa discovers "The List". Karla writes about having a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and having good hygiene. She also writes in regards to Paul

		and their relationship: Never let anyone know our relationship is anything but perfect; Don't talk back to Paul; Be a perfect girlfriend for Paul; If Paul asks for a drink, bring him one quickly and happily; Remember you're stupid; Remember you're ugly; Remember you're fat; I don't know why I tell you these things because you never change.
April 18, 1988		Paul commits 5 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 19, getting off the bus
May 30, 1988		Paul commits 6 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 18, 10 miles from Scarborough
October 4, 1988	24	Paul attempts 7 <sup>th</sup> rape, she fought him off, stab wounds on thigh and buttock, 12 stitches
November 1, 1988		Bernardo meets a girl named Anna and begins dating her while he is in Toronto, and also continues to see Karla. Paul also begins to become attracted to Karla's younger sister Tammy. He demands that Tammy not have sex with any guy. Paul commits 7 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 18, parent's backyard
December 27, 1988		Paul attempts 8 <sup>th</sup> rape, chased him off by getting neighbor's attention
June 20, 1989		Paul attempts 8 <sup>th</sup> rape again, she screams for her neighbors, he flees
August 15, 1989		Paul commits 8 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 22, stalked her outside her window
November 21, 1989	25	Paul commits 9 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 15, at a bus shelter
May 26, 1990		Paul commits 11 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 19, exiting a bus
November 20, 1990	26	2 detectives interview Paul for 35 minutes, Paul gives them hair, saliva, and blood samples for testing, swears that he isn't the Scarborough rapist
December 23, 1990		Karla and Paul decide to rape Tammy by putting crushed pills into her drink. After she passes out from the drugs and alcohol, Paul rapes her as Karla videotapes. Tammy starts to choke on her own vomit and cannot be revived. She dies, and the paramedics suspect foul play.
December 27, 1990		Tammy's funeral takes place and Paul gets caught stroking her hair in the open casket.
1991		Paul and Karla move to St. Catherine's.  Bernardo is bitten by Karla's pet iguana and becomes very upset. This leads to him cutting the iguana's head off and then barbecuing and eating the body parts.
April 6, 1991		Paul commits 12 <sup>th</sup> rape, age 14, not like the others, not at night and not stalking at a bus stop
June 7, 1991	Karla invites Jane Doe, age 15, to girl's night out, Paul and Karla plan to drug and rape her, drug with Helicon sleeping pills, Paul waits to hear that she is unconscious, Paul arrives and they begin raping her while taking turns videotaping	
June 15-16, 1991	Leslie, age 14, late for curfew, Paul comes up to her and blindfolds her and puts her in the car, Karla tortures and rapes her while videotaping, murdered her, Karla says Paul strangled her, left body in basement until they figured out what to do next, decide to cut her body into pieces with a circular saw and dump her remainings in Lake Gibson.	
June 29, 1991	26	Leslie's body is found in Lake Gibson by a man and his wife while canoeing.
August 10, 1991		Paul and Karla get married. Karla invites Jane Doe to drug and rape her again, in the midst of everything she stops breathing; Karla calls 911, then finds that she is breathing and calls 911 operator to let them know she is alright

April 16-19, 1992	27	Karla and Paul abduct Kristen French, age 15, Karla asks for directions and gets out of the car with a map and Paul comes up behind her with a knife and they force her into the car, torture and rape her for three days. Bernardo rapes and sexually tortures Kristen French in his and Karla's home. Paul orders Karla to participate and record the events. During these three days Kristen is shown a video tape of Leslie Mahaffy's rape.
April 19, 1992		Kristen French is murdered by Bernardo with the use of the same electrical cord used to kill Leslie. The body is left in Karla and Bernardo's home while the two visit Karla's parent's house for dinner. Later that, Paul disposes of the body in a dumpster in Burlington
April 30, 1992		Kristen French's body is discovered
May 1, 1992		Van notices the similarities between Paul and the rapist profile, and goes to the police.
May 12, 1992		The police question Paul about where he was on the nights of the two kidnappings. DNA samples are taken, but he is not considered high on the list of suspects.
May 23, 1992		Terri Anderson's body is found beside a road. It is thought to be linked to the two other murders but no evidence is found to link the death to Paul and Karla.
December 22, 1992	28	Jane Doe confronts Paul and Karla about being forced to have sex with Paul
December 27, 1992		Bernardo beats Karla with a flashlight, causing severe facial bruising.
January 5-6, 1993		Karla's parents find her beaten up and take her out of her house, but she goes back to get the videotapes. Paul is arrested and charged with assault, released on recognizance
February 1, 1993		Police find out that the DNA of the Scarborough Rapist is a match to Paul's
February 8, 1993		Paul's father is convicted of sex-related charges in Scarborough.
February 9, 1993		Metro Toronto Police Detectives interview Karla about the possible involvement that her and Bernardo may have had with the assaults and murders.
February 17, 1993		Arrested at his home for the rapes and murders
February 18, 1993		Paul is driven back to Scarborough and charged on a number of accounts
February 19, 1993		Police try to get warrants based on DNA evidence in Paul's file, the FBI puts in key circumstances, (1) will continue his actions, (2) commits crimes near his home, (3) 2 serial rapist/murderers in the same area, (4) trophies of hair from the scenes; limited search warrants were granted
February 21, 1993		Police find the videotape with Jane Doe
February 24, 1993		Karla is arrested, and she agrees to testify against Paul in return for a reduced Sentence. Her trial is set for June 28.
February 25, 1993		Karla's request for a divorce from Bernardo is officially granted

February 26, 1993		Karla arranges for a plea bargain
March 1993		Paul's father sentenced to 9 months in jail and 3 months probation for assaulting a woman
March 2, 1993		Karla- 2 counts manslaughter and goes through with a psychological evaluation
April 1, 1993		Karla is living in Brampton with her aunt and uncle Calvin and Patricia Seger, who had disclosed to the police Karla's confession even though the police can't use it to prosecute Paul due to hearsay rules, but they can use it as evidence to prosecute Karla for first degree murder. They decide that instead of charging Karla with murder, they would use it in order to push Karla into accepting a plea bargain, which means the police would have a witness in the prosecution of Paul Bernardo for first degree murder
April 30, 1993		Police have murder and rape search warrants that expire after 71 days for 57 Bayview Dr. The police are no closer to proving that Paul Bernardo committed the murders of Leslie and Kristen than when they first started the investigation.
May 5, 1993		Murray Segal and George Walker meet again. Walker knows that the Government is offering Karla a 12 year sentence plea bargain and that Karla has one week to decide to accept it or not. If she doesn't accept the plea bargain she will be charged with 2 counts of first degree murder, 1 count of second degree murder and other crimes. Walker decides to accept the plea bargain with Karla's approval and later she decides to accept it also.
May 6, 1993		Paul's lawyer, Ken Murray, goes to Paul's house and removes six 8-mm videocassettes. He found them hidden in the ceiling above a bathroom light fixture. Murray is not allowed to view the tapes until May 18 <sup>th</sup> after Paul has been convicted of first degree murder. The tapes Murray finds show the rapes of Tammy Homolka, Leslie Mahaffy, Kristen French and Jane Doe.
May 14, 1993		Karla and Crown finalize the plea agreement. Karla begins to give her induced statements to the police
May 16, 1993		The police show Karla a photograph from one of the videos found at 57 Bayview in which they believe the girl in the picture is Kristen French, but Karla suggests it's her sister Tammy. The actual person in the picture is Jane Doe whose rapes are not disclosed to the police by Karla until months later.
May 17, 1993		Karla takes the police to key areas of the house where they end up finding DNA evidence that proves Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French had been in the house. The police also end up finding cement that Bernardo purchased, which is the same type he bought before but when he went to return the excess he signed his name to the receipt.
May 18, 1993		Paul is charged with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of unlawful confinement, two counts of aggravated sexual assault and first degree murder. In addition he is charged with the dismemberment of Leslie Mahaffy's body. Karla appears in court for her arraignment on two counts of manslaughter and a bail hearing. Her bail is set at \$110,000. There are a number of conditions. Karla must appear in court on June 7, 1993 at which time a trial date will be set. Her parents use their house as collateral for bail and she is released.
June 28, 1993		Karla is sentenced to only 12 years in prison because of her plea bargain.
July 6, 1993	28	Karla's trial begins and she pleads guilty to two charges of manslaughter and is sentenced to 12 years in prison. Debbie Mahaffy, the mother of Leslie, and Donna French, the mother of Kristen both read statements to the court. When the trial is

		over Karla is taken to Kingston Prison for Women.
October 6, 1993	29	Karla writes her lawyer, George Walker, telling him that she remembers vague details of the Jane Doe rapes. Karla asked Walker to do something so the terms of her plea agreement aren't changed when the information is disclosed.
November 2, 1993		Police receive the information Karla wrote to her lawyer about the Jane Doe rapes. The police re-examine the tape that they thought showed Kristen French.
February 12, 1994		The police interview Jane Doe about the rapes and when they inform her of them she does not recall anything about them
February 25, 1994		Karla's request for a divorce from Bernardo is officially granted.
April 28, 1994		Tammy's second autopsy report is released. It concludes that the exact cause of death is unknown but that she either died from choking on her own vomit or from the poison used on her.
September 12, 1994	30	Ken Murray quits being Bernardo's lawyer because Paul wants to destroy the videotapes. The problem with that is that Murray had planned on using them on Karla during the preliminary hearing in order to gain testimony that he would be able to use during the trial. The preliminary hearing ended up being cancelled. When the preliminary hearing was cancelled Paul wanted to change his defense strategy from Karla being the killer to him having never met Leslie Mahaffy or Kristen French. He also wanted to say that he had nothing to do with their deaths. The problem was that in order for this defense to work the tapes had to be destroyed. John Rosen takes over Paul's defense.
September 22, 1994		John Rosen gives the police the original copies of the videotapes.
February 8, 1995		George Walker is advised by Murray Segal that Karla could be facing new charges of sexual assault in the Jane Doe rapes.
March 20, 1995		Bernardo and Jane Doe's lawyers meet several times. Bernardo's lawyer is trying to figure out if Jane has plans on pursuing charges against Karla for sexual assault. Due to Jane's deteriorating mental state, she only wants her privacy.
April 5, 1995		There is a change in Bernardo's double-murder trial and it is moved from St. Catherine's to Toronto, Ontario
May 18, 1995		There is a second very important meeting regarding the charges of sexual assault against Karla. The decision is made that she will not face anymore charges. Their reasoning for this decision is that she did not disclose the information due to the fact that she was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder amnesia. There worry was what impact placing charges would have on her effectiveness as a witness.  Paul's trial takes place. He is faced with 2 counts first degree murder, 2 counts aggravated assault, 2 counts forcible confinement, 2 counts kidnapping, 1 count performing an indignity on a human body. He pleads not guilty, claiming that the deaths were accidental, and then saying that Karla was the killer.
September 1, 1995		Bernardo is found guilty. The jury found him guilty of all charges: two counts each of kidnapping, forcible confinement, aggravated sexual assault, and first degree murder along with one count of offering an indignity to a dead human body. His sentence was life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. Later he was taken to Kingston Penitentiary where he was in a tiny prison cell for 23 hours a day.
November 3, 1995	31	Paul returns back to court to face charges for the Scarborough rapes and also faces a Dangerous Offender hearing. According to a recent federal law anyone said to be a Dangerous Offender faces an indefinite prison term. The charges Paul faces for the Scarborough hearing include: ten counts of sexual assault while using a weapon; two counts of choking with intent to render incapable of resistance to sexual assault; three counts of buggery; five counts of sexual assault causing bodily harm; two counts of unlawful confinement; six counts of anal intercourse; eight counts of robbery and two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Paul accepts the Dangerous

		Offender declaration and concedes to guilt in all the rapes in exchange that all charges against him including the role he played in the death of Tammy Homolka be stayed.
Nov, 1995		A book on Bernardo and Homolka, <i>Deadly Innocence</i> , is published by <i>Toronto Sun</i> reporters Scott Burnside and Alan Cairns
July 6, 1997	32	Karla is eligible for parole but does not apply.
November 2004	40	Paul and Karla are still in Jail. Karla is up for release in the summer of 2005. Paul will be in jail for at least 16 more years.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	Raped 16 and murdered 2 and 1 accidental of the 16
Country where killing occurred	Canada
States where killing occurred	Ontario

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	August 27, 1964
Location	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
Birth order	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 3
Number of siblings	Two: One brother and one sister
XYY?	
Raised by	Mother and assumed father
Birth category	Youngest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Informed that Kenneth Bernardo is not his real father.
Age of family event	16
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	Yes, his mother called him a bastard after he found out about his biological father. His mother withdrew from the family as she was physically abused. His sister was sexually abused by his father.
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Accountant
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	15
Mother's occupation	Homemaker
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	

### Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	12
Highest degree	B.A. degree with concentration in commerce
Grades in school	Performed well
IQ	

### Work History

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?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Accounting, sales with Amway
Employment status during series	
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	0
Lives with his children	N/A
Living with	Spouse
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Rape, stealing money
Spend time in jail?	No
Spend time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes the unintentional 3 <sup>rd</sup> victim, age 23
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	2 with an unintentional 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Victim type	Pretty teenaged girls
Killer age at start of series	26
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Teenage
Method of killing	Strangulation
Type of serial killer	Organized lust but also shows some signs of disorganized lust
How close did killer live?	Same town
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	yes
Weapon	Electrical cord that he had in the home
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	Yes
Bound the victims?	Yes
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	

Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	Yes
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	No
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	Yes
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	February 17, 1993
Date convicted	September 1, 1995
Sentence	Life in prison with no parole for 25 years
Killer executed?	No
Name and state of prison	Kingston Penitentiary,
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A