

**Dr. Glennon Engleman**  
*"The Killing Dentist"*



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Date	Age	Life Event
1928		Born in Missouri
1958	30	Victim #1 – Shooting of James Bullock near the St. Louis Museum with a .22 caliber. Bullock was married to Engleman's ex-wife Edna Ruth, who upon Bullock's death collected \$64,000. She invested \$20,000 of this in a project of Engleman's, a drag strip.
9/26/1963	35	Victim #2 – Hit Eric Frey, who was an employee of Engleman's on the drag strip, in the head with a rock, pushed him down a well, and used dynamite to blow him up afterwards. Death was ruled as accidental. His wife, Sandy, who was a friend of Engleman's, gave all the life insurance money to Engleman's drag strip.
4/15/1967	39	Marries his second wife, Ruth Jolley
9/5/1976	48	Victim #3 – Snipped 26 year-old Peter Halm in Pacific, Missouri
3/31/1979	51	Victims #4, 5 & 6 – Killed the Gusewelle family. Ron Gusewelle was shot in the heart and bashed in the head with a mallet.
1/14/1980	52	Victim #7 – Car bomb killed 50 year-old Sophie Barrera, owner of a dental lab where he owed over \$14,000. Engleman was accused by her son, Frederick Barrera, of her murder.
2/24/1980	52	Arrested for the murder of Peter Halm.
8/4/1980	52	Trial starts
1993	65	TV movie called "Beyond Suspicion" is released. It is loosely based on the killings of Engleman.
1999	71	Died

**General Information**

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	7, possibly more
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Missouri
Cities where killing occurred	Mostly around St. Louis
Type of killer	Profit
Height	
<b>Childhood Information</b>	
Date of birth	1928
Location	Missouri
Birth order	
Number of siblings	Three; one sister, Melody, and two brothers
XYY?	
Raised by	
Birth category	
Parent's marital status	
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	
Physically attractive?	Stockly built and attractive in spite of his round face
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	
Psychologically abused?	
Sexually abused?	
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	
Highest degree	Graduated dental school from Washington University, St. Louis
Grades in school	
IQ	Top average
Source of IQ information	<i>Appointment For Murder</i> book
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army Air Corps; Went to college on a GI bill.
Type of discharge	
Saw combat duty	
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	
Employment status during series	Dentist in Missouri

<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married twice, possibly three times
Number of children	One son, David, with second wife, Ruth.
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Spouse
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	
Bed wetting	
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	
Spend time in jail?	
Spend time in prison?	
Killed prior to series? Age?	
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	7, possibly more
Victim type	Familiars, many were his patients
Killer age at start of series	Around 30 years-old
Date of first kill in series	1958
Date of final kill in series	January 14, 1980
Gender of victims	No preference
Race of victims	No preference
Age of victims	No preference
Type of victim	Familiars; his patients, spouses of patients, etc.
Method of killing	Variety; car bombs, shooting, bludgeoned, etc.
Weapon	Variety; dynamite, guns, sledgehammer, etc.
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	.22 caliber
Did killer have a partner?	Yes, a number of accomplices. Two were wives of men he killed, a brother of one of the wives.
Name of partner	Nick Miranda & Carmen Miranda (brother & sister), Robert Handy
Sex of partner	Men and women
Type of serial killer	Hit-man, profit, gain
How close did killer live?	In the same city the killing took place.
Location of first contact	Near St. Louis museum.
Location of killing	
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed at contact
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No

Stalked victims?	Possibly
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
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	Possibly
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Mostly
Left at scene, hidden	Pushed Eric Frey down a well.
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 24, 1980
Date convicted	August 1980
Sentence	5 life terms
Killer executed?	No. He avoided the death penalty by confessing to another murder besides the one he was being tried for.
Did killer plead NGRI?	He refused to use the insanity plea.
Was the NGRI plea successful?	NA
Name and state of prison	Missouri Penitentiary
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	Died of natural causes
Date of death	1999

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