Gary Michael Hilton



Information researched and summarized by Michelle Harrell, Melissa Register, Billy Zakrzewski

> Department of Psychology Radford University Radford, VA 24142-6946

Date	Age	Life Event	
11/26/1946	0	Dom in Atlanta Caongia	
11/20/1940	0	Born in Atlanta, Georgia	
1938		Family moved to Hialeah, Florida	
1959	13	He shot his stepfather, Nilo DeBag, who did not press charges, but Hilton's mother would not allow him back into the house until right before he started school	
1959	13	Enrolled in Miami Springs Junior High	
1961	14	Dawn and Mark Jeffers took in Hilton when his mother wouldn't	
1964-67		Served in the Army. Spent some time in Germany where he got his GED	
1967	21	Honorably discharged from the army	
1967	21	He brought home his new wife, Ursula, from Germany	
1969		Married to 1 st wife Sue at DeKalb County, Georgia	
1970-1972		Qualified for a Florida chauffeurs' license	
1971		Divorced Sue in Miami, Florida	
1972		Arrest warrant was dismissed	
01/24/1973	26	Was convicted of a DUI in Dade County, Florida	
08/24/1977	30	Married Dina Evonne Baugh in DeKalb County, Georgia	
05/16/1978	31	Divorced Dina Baugh	
03/19/1979	32	Married Betty Sue Galloway	
10/24/1979	32	Divorced Galloway	
1982	35	Arrested for arson	
1983	36	Convicted in Clayton County, Georgia for possession of drugs and carrying a weapon without a license	
07/31/1987	40	Charged in DeKalb County with theft by deception and possession of marijuana	
11/30/1987	40	Plead guilty to theft by deception and possession of marijuana	
01/20/1994	47	Charged in Cobb County with 21 counts of solicitation	
02/02/1995	48	Theft by Taking	
06/20/1995	48	Plead guilty of 21 counts of solicitation. Sentenced to 10 years of probation	
08/11/1995	48	Arrested in DeKalb County for stealing books from American Book Display Company	
10/27/1995	48	Plead guilty to theft and received five years of probation	

1995	48	Produced the movie Deadly	/ Run	
1993	50 59		him a place to live and employment. For the next ten years	
		sold siding for Insulated Wa		
12/07/2005		Rossana Miliani turns up missing while hiking in Bryson City, North Carolina		
09/26/2007	60	John Tabor filed a complaint; Hilton threatened to kill him if not paid \$10,000. (Duluth Gwinnet County, Georgia)		
10/21/2007	60	Hilton murders Irene Bryan		
11/09/2007	60	Body of Irene Bryant is disc		
11/21/2007	60	Michael Scot Louis reported		
12/01/2007	61	Cheryl Dunlap abducted		
12/06/2007	61	Michael Scot Louis' body found in 3 different garbage bags at Tomoka State Park in Florida		
12/14/2007	61	Dunlap's body was found by Greg and Wyatt in Apalachicola National Forest in Florida		
01/01/2008	61	Hilton abducted Meredith Emerson		
01/04/2008	61	Hilton murdered Emerson		
01/05/2000	<i>c</i> 1	Hilton arrested in the disapp	pearance of Emerson after ID and blood-stained clothes are	
01/05/2008	61	found in a convenience store trash bin		
01/07/2008	61	Emerson's body is found		
01/17/2008	61	Law enforcement officials from Georgia, North Carolina and Florida met to compare notes on Hilton		
02/01/2008	61	Hilton indicted for the murder of Meredith Emerson		
02/02/2008	61	John Bryant's body found in Nantahala National Forest, N.C.		
02/29/2008	61	Indicted in Florida		
04/08/2008	61	Hilton confesses to killing Emerson		
06/06/2008	61	Hilton extradited to Florida		
10/21/2009	62	Pretrial proceeding		
11/29/2009	63	Trial date set		
02/04/2010	63		the murder of Meredith Emerson.	
02/15/2010	63	Closing arguments, Verdict-Hilton was found guilty of 1 st degree murder, kidnapping and theft. Hilton receives a life sentence.		
02/15/2011	64	Convicted in Florida for the murder, kidnapping, and robbing of Cheryl Dunlap. Jury recommends the death penalty.		
04/21/2011	64		ommendation and sentenced Hilton to death.	
04/22/2011	64	Hilton placed into death row at the Florida State Prison		
06/21/2011	64	Feds decide to charge Hilton with Irene and John Bryant's murder		
07/25/2011	65	Hilton pleads not guilty in the U.S. District Court in North Carolina for the deaths of Irene and John Bryant.		
General Info	rmation			
Sex			Male	
Race			White	
Number of	victims		2 convicted of, 2 still waiting trial and 2 still finding evidence to link him	
Country where killing occurred			United States	
States where killing occurred			Georgia, Florida, North Carolina	
Cities where killing occurred			Dunlap-Apalachicola National Forest, FL.; Irene- Transylvania County, N.C.; John- Nantahala National Forest, N.C.; Emerson- Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area, Dawson County, Georgia; Miliani- Bryson City, N.C.; Louis- Ormond Beach, FL.	
Type of killer			Hedonist/gain killer	
Height			5'10''	
	format	0 n		
Childhood In	iormati	011		

Date of birth	11/26/1946
Location	Atlanta
Birth order	Only child
Number of siblings	0
XYY?	Nope
Raised by	Mother and step-father
Birth category	Only child
Parent's marital status	Mother was remarried and father had two wives
Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage?	No
Did serial killer spend time in a foster home?	Yes
Was serial killer ever raised by a relative?	No
Did serial killer ever live with adopted family?	No
Did serial killer live with a step-parent?	Yes
Family event	Shot stepfather and mother moving to Argentina
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Lack of interest in school
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	None
Speech defect?	Excited speech, maybe due to ADHD
Head injury?	When he was younger he was scalped by a Murphy Bed, he needed 200 stitches, spent time in the hospital
	recovering
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	Mental abuse from his step-father Debag, verbal abuse
Sexually abused?	He might have been molested by his mother
Father's occupation	Army medical corps
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No
Cognitive Ability	·
Highest grade in school	11 th and some of 12 th grade
Highest degree	GED
Grades in school	Were good, but started slipping
IQ	120
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Army
Type of discharge	Honorable discharged
Saw combat duty	Unknown
Killed enemy during service?	Unknown
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	No
Types of jobs worked	Chauffeur driver, Army, made a movie,
Employment status during series	Unknown
Relationships	
	Hatarasayual/has some homosayual avnerianaas
Sexual preference Marital status	Heterosexual/has some homosexual experiences Married at the time of the murders
Number of children	None
Lives with his children	N/A

Living with	Spouse, mother
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	Unknown
Bed wetting	Unknown
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)?	After he shot his stepfather, but only for a short time, in a
Time in forensie nospital (prior to kining).	mental hospital while in the military for a while
Diagnosis	Schizophrenia
Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)	
	V
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spent time in jail?	No
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims (suspected of)	6
Number of victims (confessed to)	2
Number of victims (convicted of)	2
Victim type	Easy, vulnerable targets
Killer age at start of series	59
Killer age at end of series	62
Date of first kill in series	12/07/2005
Date of final kill in series	01/04/2008
Gender of victims	Four women and two men
Race of victims	Five White and one Hispanic
Age of victims	Dunlap-46, Emerson-24, Irene Bryant-84, John Bryant-
	80, Michael Scot Louis- 27, Rossana Miliani- 26
Type of victim	All different, female, older couple, weak, easy targets
Method of killing	Beatings or cutting
Weapon	He brought a bayonet and serrated knife
Was gun used?	Yes
Туре	Air gun/ BB Gun
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	N/A
Sex of partner	N/A
Relationship of partner	Spouse, relative, girlfriend,
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized thrill
How close did killer live?	Walking distance, drove to crime
Location of first contact	Forest
Location of killing	Forest
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Emerson abducted, others killed at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Raped Emerson
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	Yes

Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	
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	Yes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	Yes
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, hidden	The heads and hands were removed and they believe
	Dunlap's head and hands were burned
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	Cut head and hands off
Burned body	They believe that he burned Dunlap's head and hands
Dumped body in lake, river, etc.	No
Moved, took home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	2008
Date convicted	February 1, 2008 – Plead guilty in Georgia; February 15,
<u> </u>	2011- convicted in Florida
Sentence	Sentenced to life in Georgia and death in Florida
Killer executed?	Not yet
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Did serial killer confess?	Confessed to the murder of Emerson
Name and state of prison	Florida State Prison on Death Row
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive
Cause of death	N/A

References

Georgia Department of Corrections. (2011). Hilton, Gary Michael. GDC ID: 0000236663. Retrieved from http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/GDC/OffenderQuery/jsp/OffQryRedirector.jsp

Janet. (2008, February 24). Gary Michael Hilton timeline. [Web post]. Retrieved from http://prairiechicken.blogspot.com/2008/02/gary-michael-hilton-timeline.html

Montaldo, C. (2008, January 16). Hiker suspect may be serial killer. Crime/Punishment. Retrieved from http://crime.about.com/b/2008/01/17/hiker-suspect-may-be-serial-killer.htm

Montaldo, C. (2011, April 21). The Gary Michael Hilton Case. Crime/Punishment. Retrieved from http://crime.about.com/od/current/a/hilton.htm

Rosen, F. (2011). Trails of death. Green Bay, WI: TitleTown Publishers

Yaremich, M. (2008, January 14). Details emerge on wife of accused hiker murderer. Inside edition: America's newsmagazine. Retrieved from http://www.insideedition.com/news.aspx?storyID=1174

11/14/2011