

# Derrick Todd Lee

“The Baton Rouge Serial Killer”



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Date	Age	Life Event
11/05/1968	0	Born in St. Francisville, Louisiana
	3 to 13	Punished severely and frequently by stepfather (beaten); domineering mother never intervened.
		Challenged developmentally; put in special education classes.
		Was taunted by classmates for being "retarded," got into frequent trouble.
		Sucked thumb in class; called his teacher "momma."
		Began peeping into windows during elementary school.
		Learned early in life that he could talk his way out of trouble; never took responsibility for his misbehavior.
		Tortured his dog and its puppies.
		Experienced many injuries; no evidence of head injuries.
11/8/1981	13	Arrested for burglary and vandalizing candy store.
		Attacked woman in front of his mother for accusing him of peeping.
8/8/1985	16	Arrested for 2nd-degree murder, was released.
		Set own car on fire for insurance money.
7/2/1988	19	Arrested for attempted burglary, but charges were reduced to unauthorized entry.
9/17/1988	20	Married Jaqueline Sims in Solitude, LA
		Found it difficult to keep a job.
2/17/1989		Began harassing mother for his childhood problems with stepfather.
4/13/1989		Pleaded guilty to misdemeanor trespassing and sentenced to therapy; he never showed up.
5/23/1989		Wife called police when Derrick slapped her around; threatened her father with a gun. Charged with disturbing the peace, but served no jail time.
10/29/1989		Arrested for disturbing the peace after fistfight at Price's Bar in St. Francisville.
8/23/1992	23	Bludgeoned Connie Warner to death with a hammer in Zachary, LA

9/2/1992		Connie Warner's body was found in vacant lot in Baton Rouge.
11/21/1992	24	Arrested for burglary and resisting arrest in Zachary, LA.
1/1/1993		Committed robbery and assault while awaiting trial.
4/3/1993		Attacked teenage couple with 6 ft. harvesting tool while they are parked.
5/11/1993		Sentenced to four years in prison for previous burglary; serves two.
7/6/1995	26	Released from prison.
7/7-10/1995		Moved family to Lake Charles, LA
9/6/1995		Arrested for peeping.
9/24/1995		Arrested for robbing Salvation Army clothes drop-off.
09/26-30/1995		Moved family back to St. Francisville.
2/1/1996	27	Father-in-law died in plant explosion; Jackie receives \$250,000 settlement.
9/1/1996		Wife purchased .25 handgun.
2/11/1997	28	Arrested for DWI after failing a sobriety test.
2/19/1997		Earned CDL.
2/19/1997		Stopped by Zachary police for suspicion of peeping, but not charged, even after a positive witness ID.
3/1/1997		Judge rescinded state order to suspend Lee's drivers license after state failed to respond to motion of discovery.
5/1/1997		Hired by Louisiana Read-Mix as a truck driver.
6/1/1997		Eugenie Boisfontaine murdered in Baton Rouge.
7/25/1997		Nearly ran over coworker's car with semi truck, and was demoted to driving cement trucks.
7/31/1997		Arrested in Zachary for 6 counts of peeping tom, criminal trespass, and burglary.
10/30/1997		Disciplined for substandard work
1/1/1998	29	Enrolled in Diesel Driving Academy in Baton Rouge, LA
1/14/1998		Pleaded guilty to six counts of peeping tom; sentenced to two years probation and psychological testing.
Jan-Feb 1998		Attended two therapy sessions with Dr. Robert Snyder, a psychologist.
2/1/1998		Is called a "good verbal therapy participant" by Dr. Snyder in a letter to the court.
3/1/1998		Michelle Chapman identified Lee in photo lineup for cemetery attack.
4/16/1998		Fired from Louisiana Ready-Mix for insubordination and for causing two accidents in one week.
4/18/1998		Raped, beat, and stabbed Randi MeBruer to death in Zachary, LA.
4/19/1998		West Feliciana Sheriff's deputies interrogated Lee in the MeBruer investigation, and confiscated a pair of pants at his home.
4/20/1998		Leroy Shorts told James Odom that Derrick Lee Killed Randi Mebruer; Odom reported it to the police.
4/1/1998		The police began paying Shorts to inform on Lee.
12/1/1998	30	Began relationship with Consandra Green.
6/1/1999		Lee put under surveillance in MeBruer investigation.
6/1/1999		Began stalking Collette Walker.
6/14/1999		Pushed into Walker's apartment and attempted to persuade her into a date.
8/16/1999		Walker's neighbor, Diane Halloway, filed a complaint against Derrick, which was not pursued by police.
8/19/1999		Lee was caught by Walker's son while peeping into apartment.
8/19/1999		A warrant was issued for Lee's arrest for stalking and unlawful entry.
8/20/1999		Lee was arrested for stalking and unlawful entry.
12/1/1999	31	Lee was bailed out of jail.
12/17/1999		Plead guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 6 months in jail (received credit for time served) and two years probation.
12/17/1999		Cosandra Green called police to report Lee was threatening to kill her.

1/19/2000		Green inquired about protective order from court.
1/22/2000		Lee beat Green in parking lot of Liz's Lounge and was arrested by West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's deputies.
		Green refused to testify, and Lee was sentenced to one year in jail.
1/1/2001	32	Lee was released from jail.
3/1/2001		Hired for temporary position at Dow Chemical Plant in Brusly, LA
Mar-Apr-01		Began looking for Collette Walker again.
4/1/2001		Bought Hyundai Accent with wife, and reunited with Green.
9/26/2001		Arrested for simple battery on wife.
9/27/2001		Stopped showing up for work at Doe.
		Battery charges dropped
12/1/2001	33	Began working at Dow again.
1/11/2002		Laid off from Dow.
1/14/2002		Beat and stabbed Geralyn DeSoto to death in Baton Rouge.
4/1/2002		Worked for two weeks at JE Merit.
5/1/2002		Filed for and received unemployment.
6/1/2002		Started job at ExxonMobil plant in Baton Rouge.
7/9/2002		Beat, strangled, and attempted to rape Diane Alexander in Saint Martin parish; she survived.
7/15/2002		Saint Martin parish police released a composite sketch and description of Lee's car in an attempt to find Alexander's attacker.
9/4/2002		Collette Walker called task force to provide Lee's name and background as a suspect.
Nov. 2002	34	Signed a car loan for one of his girlfriends.
11/18/2002		Filed an insurance claim on Cosandra Green's Dodge Neon.
11/21/2002		Raped and beat to death Dene Colomb with a tree branch in Lafayette, LA..
12/25/2002		Mary Ann Fowler disappeared in Port Allen, LA.
2/1/2003		Started working the night shift at ExxonMobil.
3/3/2003		Killed Carrie Lynn Yoder in Baton Rouge, LA.
3/1/2003		Left work at the end of February and returned on March 6th to pick up his check.
3/1/2003		Met a woman at a shopping mall and drove her home. He returned several times to masturbate while he watched her (with her permission), and to masturbate in his truck outside her house when she was not home.
4/1/2003		Laid off from ExxonMobile.
3/21/2003		Multi-agency task force announced for the first time that serial killer could be a black man.
5/5/2003		Zachary police collected DNA from Lee in the MeBruer case.
5/5/2003		Lee left the state by Greyhound.
5/7/2003		Lee returned home to move his possessions.
5/9/2003		Lee said goodbye to his family.
5/10/2003		The Lee family moved to Detroit to live with relatives.
5/14/2003		Diane Alexander's attack was linked by DNA to the serial killer, giving investigators a description of his appearance and automobile.
5/25/2003		Lee's DNA was matched to the serial killings.
5/26/2003		As Cosandra Green's home was being searched Lee called her on the phone; the caller ID located him in Atlanta.
5/26/2003		A tip led police to Lee's location in Atlanta and he was arrested.
8/5/2004	35	Trial for the murder of Geralyn DeSoto began.
8/6/2004		Lee complained to judge about his public defender.
		DeSoto's estranged husband detailed his discovery of the crime scene in testimony.
8/9/2004		Prosecution rested after Lee's son identified boots linked to DeSoto crime scene.

8/10/2004		Jury found Lee guilty of second degree murder after two hours of deliberation.
		Conviction carried a mandatory life sentence.
9/13/2004		Trial for the murder of Charlotte Murray Pace began.
9/29/2004		Main jurors selected for Pace trial.
10/4/2004		First day of proceedings in Pace trial; jury was shown over 100 pictures of the crime scene.
10/5/2004		DNA analysis linking Lee to the murder scene was presented.
10/11/2004		Lee identified by Diane Alexander in testimony.
10/12/2004		Lee found guilty and recommended for the death penalty after 93 minutes of deliberation.
10/14/2004		Lee's sister took stand to testify for defense in sentencing hearing.
		Defense argued against death penalty, reiterating Lee's limited mental capacity.
12/11/2004	36	Lee formally sentenced to death.
1/11/2005		Decision was made to not prosecute Lee in Colomb case because of family concerns.
2/11/2005		Diane Alexander requested dismissal of her case against Lee for personal reasons.
4/28/2005		Attorney Thompson pursued new trial in West Baton Rouge due to lack of oath of office on file for prosecutor Tony Clayton.
5/24/2005		Appeal formally accepted by Judge Richard Anderson.
5/28/2005		West Baton Rouge Parish denied new trial request.
8/4/2005		Court record for Pace murder was given to Louisiana Supreme Court for mandatory review.
3/7/2006	37	Diane Alexander sued Crime Stoppers for \$150,000
5/24/2006		Deal was made to destroy DNA samples taken from suspects in search for Lee.
6/2/2006		Federal Judge approved of the destruction of DNA.
9/29/2006		Defense attorneys handling appeal attempted to obtain seven pages from original trial transcript.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	Black
Number of victims	7-10
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Louisiana
Type of killer	Mixed lust
Height	5'10"

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	11/05/1968
Location	St. Francisville
Birth order	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4
Number of siblings	3
XYX?	No
Raised by	Mother and stepfather
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Never married
Family event	Mother married stepfather
Age of family event	4 years old
Problems in school?	Yes, performed poorly and exhibited behavioral problems.
Teased while in school?	Teased and called "retarded."
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No

Head injury?	
Physically abused?	Disciplined severely as a child.
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Police job, later committed to psychiatric institution.
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown, possibly when he became involved with Jacqueline Sims.
Mother's occupation	Laborer, sweet potato factory
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
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<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	10
Highest degree	Certificate of Achievement (GED)
Grades in school	Poor
IQ	65 at trial (as high as 91 as a child)
<b>Work History</b>	
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	Truck Driver, Pipe Fitter, Laborer
Employment status during series	Sporadically employed
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	2
Lives with his children	Yes
Living with	Spouse, girlfriend
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	Yes; dog and puppies as a child.
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	Yes, he wet his bed into adolescence.
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Mildly retarded
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes
<b>Serial Killing</b>	

Number of victims	7-10
Victim type	Women of various ages and races.
Killer age at start of series	23
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	Caucasian and African American
Age of victims	22-40
Method of killing	Strangulation, bludgeoning, stabbing
Type of serial killer	Mixed lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to crime, 5-50 miles
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes; sometimes.
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Primarily found at scene, also used own knife occasionally.
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	Immediately after with 1-3 victims
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	Yes
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
<b>Disposal of Body</b>	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
<b>Sentencing</b>	
Date killer arrested	05/27/2003
Date convicted	8/10/2004, 10/12/2004
Sentence	Life (1 <sup>st</sup> conviction), Death
Killer executed?	Not yet.
Did killer plead NGRI?	No, claimed mentally retarded to avoid death penalty.
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Tier A, Death Row, Louisiana State Prison, Angola, LA
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	N/A

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