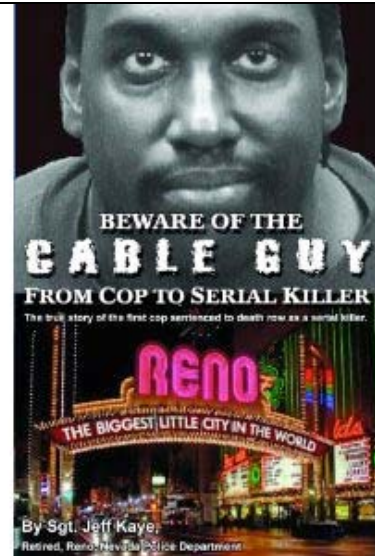


**David Stephen Middleton**  
*“The Cable Guy”*



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Date	Age	Life Event
06/25/1961	0	Born in Boston, Massachusetts
1972	11	Middleton’s parents get a divorce
1974	13	Middleton’s mother gets remarried. He has a step-sister and a step-brother
01/15/1980	18	Hired as a police cadet by the Boston Police Department. He was also attending college at this time. Got married to Julia “Tina” Heridia (his high school sweetheart)
01/20/1982	20	Resigned from the Boston Police Force
01/25/1982	21	Middleton joins the Miami Metro-Dade police. In his first year there, he earned a series of commendations and was promoted to detective in the Warrants Bureau.
1984	23	Middleton arrested Gerrilyn Smith. He began a long term affair with her.
1987	26	Middleton’s mother dies. (He begins to decline after that)
March 1988	27	Middleton was removed from the Warrants section and moved to station duty while he was being investigated by internal affairs for assisting two criminals. He wrote letters to a Prosecutor’s office in New Jersey requesting low bail for a Jaabir Muhammand. He did the same thing for a woman he had been having an affair with, Gerrilyn Smith. He was put on suspension at the end of the investigation.
02/15/1989	28	Middleton was allowed to return to the Warrants section after his suspension was up.
1989	28	Middleton had coaxed a woman who worked for the Miami-Dade police station to have sex with him because he was a Santerian Priest. She had sex with him consensually once, and then Middleton raped her at his home after that. He used an animal head machete for anal penetration.
11/19/1989	28	Middleton was arrested in Miami, Florida for kidnapping and sexual assault
09/29/1990	28	Middleton rapes 16-year old in Miami, FL – was off duty but still in uniform.

June 1990	29	Convicted of false imprisonment and battery, given two concurrent 5-year sentences
10/11/1990	29	Middleton arrested in Miami for the September 29 rape.
11/18/1990	29	Was arrested in Greenville, Mississippi where he fled after his arrest in Florida.
12/12/1990	29	Resigned from the Miami Metro-Date Police Department
03/26/1991	29	Middleton is denied bail by Circuit Judge Phillip Davis
06/19/1991	29	Middleton is found guilty of false imprisonment. The jury was deadlocked on the rape charge
1993	32	Released from prison after serving two years of his five-year sentence
06/25/1993	32	Middleton moved to Montrose, Colorado (where his truck was registered)
11/21/1993	32	Evonne Haley picks up Buffy Rice from a parking lot in Montrose, Colorado. Takes her to her and Middleton's apartment. That was the last she was seen. Middleton was spotted taking a big trash bag out of his apartment that night. This is the date that Buffy Rice goes missing.
11/23/1993	33	Police come to Middleton's apartment to ask about Buffy's mother, Bonnie Rice's, story.
04/1994	33	Middleton and Haley leave Montrose, CO and move to Sparks, Nevada
06/30/1994	33	Middleton rents a storage unit at Sierra Royal Mini Storage in Sparks, Nevada
07/23/1994	34	Middleton assisted in a cable installation at Thelma Devilla's apartment.
08/05/1994	34	Thelma Devilla was picked up in a light-colored pickup truck with a black male driving and a white blonde-headed female as the passenger. (Middleton and Haley)
08/06/1994	34	Thelma Davilla left a nightclub with a male. (Middleton)
08/08/1994	34	Thelma Davilla disappears from her apartment in Sparks, Nevada. Middleton requested an upgrade for his storage unit. He said he needed more room.
Nov 1994	34	Middleton's truck is broken into and he filed a burglary report, his address was listed as 1425 Carlin St in northeast Reno, NV – working for the T.C.I. Cable company
02/03/1995	35	Middleton kidnaps Kathy Powell (an elementary school teacher) from her home. Took her to storage unit at 8:06 p.m.
02/04/1995	35	Middleton returned to Kathy's apartment early in the morning. He took a TV, Printer, Computer, fax machine, ect.. He visited his storage unit 6 times. (12:37 A.M., 5:47 A.M., 6:49 A.M., 8:45 A.M., 11:53 A.M., 5:38 P.M)
02/05/1995	35	Middleton visits his storage unit 3 times. (6:19 A.M., 11:09 A.M., 3:30 P.M)
02/06/1995	35	Kathy Powell's credit card was used to purchase a stereo system from Good Guys store. Evonne Haley was the person that came to pick it up. It was loaded into the back of Middleton's old Harvester truck. Middleton visited his storage unit 2 times. (9:26 A.M., 3:15 P.M)
02/07/1995	35	Kathy Powell was officially listed as a missing person after not showing up for work. Police obtained a search warrant to go to her home. She was not there and many home appliances were missing. Middleton did <b>not</b> visit his storage unit.
02/08/1995	35	Middleton visited his storage unit 1 time.( 6:49 P.M) Assumed to be preparing Kath's body for disposal.
02/09/1995	35	Middleton did <b>not</b> visit his storage unit
02/10/1995	35	Middleton visited his storage unit 1 time. (7:45 P.M) Assumed to be finishing the wrapping of Kathy's body for disposal.
02/11/1995	35	Kathy Powell's body was found in a dumpster in Reno, NV. Middleton has visited his shed at 7:26 P.M. that night (two hours before Kathy's body was found) There was video available. He was seen loading a large cumbersome package into the rear of his International Harvester pickup truck.
02/12/1995	35	Middleton visited his storage unit 1 time. (12:53 A.M.) There was a video available for this entry. He was seen pulling in at 12:53 A.M. and did not leave his storage unit until 2:05 A.M. he was not alone during this visit. (thought to have been cleaning up the evidence with bleach)
02/23/1995	35	Police obtain and execute search warrant for Middleton's truck and apartment, only for evidence for crime of Good Guys case
03/01/1995	35	Middleton attempted to improvise a deal with the D.A. for a lesser sentence if he was to provide information of Kathy Powell's credit card, grand larceny, and unlawful disposal of human remains. He was not granted a deal.
03/02/1995	35	Third interview was attempted with Middleton. (lasted 9 hours) He only confessed to have consensual sex with Kathy Powell and he disposed of her body after she had died by tying

		herself in rope and strangling herself.
03/04/1995	35	A postal delivery guy gave a tip to law enforcement on where Middleton's storage unit was located.
03/05/1995	35	Police obtain a search warrant to look inside Middleton's storage unit.
03/07/1995	35	Police were granted a few revisions of the original search warrant. They concluded their search. Obtained evidence of murder, theft, and possession of firearms.
03/08/1995	35	Police obtain a seizure order to take blood and hair samples from Middleton for DNA analysis
04/09/1995	35	Thelma Davilla's body found by a dog walker in Sierra Nevada mountains. Bones we spread out and the skeleton was tied up in a rope and tucked in a sleeping bag. The body had been buried but had resurfaced from digging of animals.
04/11/1995	35	All parts of the skeleton of Thelma Davila was collected from the site and was taken to the Washoe County Coroner's Office where the skeleton was positively identified as Thelma Devilla.
04/21/1995	35	A special task force of investigators was assembled to investigate the murders of Kathy Powell and Thelma Devilla
04/28/1995	35	The second special task force meeting was held. Discussion consisted of forensic conformations that the bite on Kathy Powell's left breast matched Middleton's teeth marks and the teeth marks found on the gag ball in the storage unit matched Kathy Powell's. It was determined that the ball was shoved into her mouth in its entirety and she had bitten down extremely hard. They also discussed information about Thelma Devilla's case. They had follow ups on how Middleton had met Devilla. Devilla's blanket had been identified as the one in Middleton's storage unit. Devilla's DNA was confirmed in the balled up duck tape found in the shed.
05/17/1995	35	Middleton pleads guilty to felony possessing a handgun and given a year in jail
05/24/1995	35	Body of Buffy Rice-Donahue was discovered by a hiker in the woods of Norwood, Colorado – cause of death was blunt force trauma, filed as murder by coroner
05/26/1995	35	A full copy of the preliminary report from the autopsy on Buffy Rice was completed and a copy was sent to the detectives in Reno, Nevada. Some hairs and carpet fibers were found inside the bag that Buffy was found in. The hair samples matched Middleton and carpet fibers matched the inside of Haley's car.
05/29/1995	35	Montrose District Attorney Wyatt Angelo ruled that no charges would be pressed against Middleton, regardless of evidence (Buffy Rice-Donahue case) because of the cost it would have on extraditing him back to Colorado. They decided to wait because he was soon going to have two murder charges on him in Nevada.
05/30/1995	35	Police asked for a follow-up interview with Haley. She met them at a coffee shop. She was asked about the murder case and if she was involved. She suggested taking a poly graph test.
06/01/1995	35	Haley was nowhere to be found when police came to pick her up for her scheduled poly graph test. (Detectives believe she had spoken to Middleton and he talked her out of it.
06/06/1995	35	Another attempt was made to get Haley for a polygraph test. They found her; she came back to the station and then expressed how she didn't want to do it because she was not mentally prepared to answer the questions.
06/07/1995	35	Another Interview with Middleton and the Reno police. The first interview that Middleton started "slipping" in. He still denied murder but admitted to taking a woman to his storage unit for sex.
06/12/1995	35	Reno investigators arrive in Miami, Florida to investigate Middleton's past there.
06/13/1995	35	A search warrant is obtained to see Middleton's personal I.A. Files with the Miami-Dade police department. Learned about his past as a dirty cop.
06/14/1995	35	Interview 7 of Middleton's old co-workers at the police station. All reported Middleton as a sexual deviant. One of them reported knowing that Middleton had sex with the 16 year old because he admitted to it, Middleton reported it being consensual.
06/15/1995	35	Investigators last day in Miami. They interview Middleton's ex wife; Julia Heridia, the 16 year old that was raped by Middleton, and the lady Middleton raped while posing as a Santerian Priest.
06/19/1995	35	Special task force meeting was held. D.A. decided they had acquired enough evidence to press charges.

06/22/1995	35	Arrest warrants were made. It was decided that they would file all charges together so a jury would hear all the evidence from both cases. (two counts of murder in the 1 <sup>st</sup> degree, two counts of kidnap, charges of credit card fraud) He was formally arraigned into Judge Fidel Salcido's court room. He pled Not Guilty on all charges. A witness subpoena was sent to Haley. When detectives came to serve the subpoena they also found Haley's daughter cutting her wrists and had to call an ambulance.
07/14/1995	36	A preliminary hearing was set to determine if there was enough evidence to bind Middleton over to the District Court for trial on the charges against him.
07/15/1995	36	Preliminary was continued.
11/03/1995	36	The task force investigating Middleton's case was disbanded and the murders of Kathy Powell & Thelma Davilla were officially listed as closed by arrest and pending prosecution
06/06/1996	36	Judge Breen drops Middleton's murder charges based on the recent Frutiger decision
07/25/1997	37	Nevada Supreme Court rules in favor of prosecution's appeal and reinstates Middleton's murder charges
08/11/1997	37	The murder trial of Middleton begins, jury selection
08/18/1997	37	A juror asks to visit the dump site of Thelma Davilla, all jurors and Middleton go
08/26/1997	37	Jury reaches a decision, Middleton is found guilty of 1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder of Thelma Davilla and Kathy Powell, also guilty of 2 counts of 1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping, 1 count of grand larceny, and 1 count of fraudulent use of a credit card
08/27/1997	37	Defense attorney Pinkerton removes himself from case and hands it over to Patrick Flannigan, murder sentencing investigation begins
11/28/1997	37	Nevada State Appellate Court reaches decision about Middleton's appeal, denied and conviction confirmed, they affirm sentence of death
Aug 2007	47	Middleton has lost and exhausted all his appeals to the state of Nevada, is now filing appeals with federal courts
11/15/2010	50	Middleton is still awaiting his execution.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	Black
Number of victims	3
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Colorado & Nevada
Cities where killing occurred	Montrose, CO & Reno, NV
Type of killer	Organized lust
Height	6'2"

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	6/25/61
Location	Boston, Massachusetts
Birth order	Unknown
Number of siblings	2 step siblings
XYX?	No
Raised by	Primarily Mother
Birth category	Unknown
Parent's marital status	Divorced when Middleton was 11 years old
Family event	His parents divorced when he was 11. His mother remarried two years later His mother died in 1987. (that is when Middleton began to drink more and become more sexually aggressive—as reported from his 1 <sup>st</sup> wife, Julia "Tina" Heridia)
Age of family event	11-13 (Divorce and remarry)mother died when he was 26
Problems in school?	No, gifted child
Teased while in school?	Unknown
Physically attractive?	Average

Physical defect?	Distinctive Underbite, Slightly heavy set
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Police Officer at Tufts University in Boston
Age of first sexual experience	Unknown
Age when first had intercourse	Unknown
Mother's occupation	Stay at home mother
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Unknown
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	3 years in college
Highest degree	Started at Suffolk on basketball scholarship then transferred to University of Massachusetts and quit in December 1981
Grades in school	Good in elementary years, unknown after that
IQ	Unknown (thought to be above average intelligence)
Source of IQ information	
<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?	Yes, worked as police cadet all throughout college
Worked in law enforcement?	Yes, started in Boston police force in Boston then transferred to Miami-Dade in Jan 1982, resigned in 1990 after charges of rape and sexual assault of a 16 year old, did 2 years of a 5 year sentence
Fired from jobs?	Yes, police force
Types of jobs worked	Police and Cable Guy
Employment status during series	Employed, Warner Time Cable Company
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	In common law marriage with Evonne Haley
Number of children	He has a son and daughter with his first wife. He never tried to contact them after he left Miami. Evonne Haley had a son and daughter, Middleton's stepkids
Lives with his children	Lived with stepdaughter, stepson was in Colorado
Living with	Spouse
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	N/A
Fire setting	N/A
Bed wetting	N/A
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Unknown
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	No

<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Rape and sexual assault in Florida
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes, 2 years of a 5 year sentence
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	1 rape (convicted) 2 murder (convicted) unknown of how many all together
Victim type	small, petite women (resembling his mothers build)
Killer age at start of series	32
Date of first kill in series	Around 11/21/93
Date of final kill in series	Feb 1995, Kathy Powell
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	1 Hispanic, 2 White
Age of victims	18, 45
Type of victim	Petite women, similar to the one he raped in Florida, also similar to mother
Method of killing	Blunt force trauma, strangulation, and torture
Weapon	Ropes to bound victim, used hands to strangle, knives and whips for torture
Was gun used?	No
Type	N/A
Did killer have a partner?	Evonne Haley, helped with kidnapping
Name of partner	Evonne Haley, helped with kidnapping
Sex of partner	Female
Type of serial killer	Organized lust and domination, sexual torture
How close did killer live?	Same city
Location of first contact	Victims homes
Location of killing	Torture shed for Reno victims, Middleton's apartment for Buffy Donahue (according to Haley it was an "accident that occurred in the woods", but an eyewitness saw Middleton carrying out a body sized trash bag the night of Donahue's murder)
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Possibly for Donahue, no for Powell and Davilla
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	Raped and used bondage. He held victims captive in refrigerators and speaker box in his storage unit. He came back several times over a few days to torture and rape. Then used trash bags, plastic wrap, rope, and sleeping bags to conceal victims' body for disposal.
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	Yes, torture before murder, took special care to hide victims
Quick & efficient?	No
Used blindfold?	On abduction, not after
Bound the victims?	Yes
After Death Behavior	Tediously concealed and wrapped the victim's body and buried or hid them.
Sex with the body?	Possibly, not confirmed due to decomposition of body
Mutilated body?	Some, didn't sever limbs but torture was severe
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No

Posed the body?	Yes tied them in rope
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes. Under garments, hair.
Robbed victim or location	Yes
Disposal of Body	Disposed bodies by burying them in isolated areas. Dumped one body in a dumpster outside of an apartment complex, others in the woods.
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	Yes
Cut-op and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	Death Penalty
Date killer arrested	2/23/95 (arrested on a gun charge, held for murder charges after bodies were discovered while he was in jail)
Date convicted	5/17/95 convicted for gun charge, 6/22/95 charged with murder, 8/26/97 convicted
Sentence	Death Penalty
Killer executed?	No, date still pending
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Washoe County Prison, Nevada
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Awaiting execution

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