Dennis Rader

Self-titled: BTK Killer (Bind, Torture, Kill)

##### Self-Dubbed Monster

Also known as the Blue Book Man-for knowledge of regulations



General

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| Gender | Male |
| Race | Caucasian |
| Country | United States (Witchita, Kansas) |
| Sexual Orientation | Heterosexual |
| Highest Level of Academic Achievement (degree attained) | -entered Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina, later left to join the Air Force  -B. A. in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University in  1979 |
| Drop-Out | No |
| GED (high school equivalency) | N/A |
| Diagnosis | **-Sadistic Psychopath**  -personality disorders: narcissism and psychopathy  -said to exhibit at least 7 different types of paraphillic behaviour  -among other things, Rader has an exaggerated sense of self, a lack of empathy for others and no feel­ings of guilt, remorse or fear  -extreme savvy narcissism  -grandiose self-esteem (compensates for lack of presence)  -very much enraptured in sexual fantasy/driven by sexual fantasies  -compulsive obsessive personality  -sociopathic personality |

Guardian Variables

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| Guardian Other Than biological/adoptive parent (i.e. aunt, grandmother, etc.) | No |
| Parents Marital Status | Mother widowed in 1966, marital status unknown now |
| Spousal Abandonment | **No**  But father died in 1966 |
| Domestic Abuse | Unknown |
| Abuser | n.a |
| Maternal Mental Illnesses | No |
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| Socioeconomic Status | * Middle SES: father was a member of the US Marine Corps and they lived in a modest, pleasant home on N. Seneca St. (remained a constant household until 2005) |

Childhood Variables

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| Birth Order | First born (of four sons) (1/4) |
| Child living with | Both Parents - William and Dorothea Rader (parents) |
| Child Abuse | **No** |
| Type of Abuse | None |
| Abuse Perpetrators | n.a |
| Head Injuries | Unknown |
| MacDonald Triad | **Cruelty to Animals** |

Adolescent Variables

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| Juvenile Record | No |
| Convicted Offences | No |
| Non-Convicted Crimes | No |
| Sexual/violent fantasy development? | **Yes**   **Age at development**: as a child, grade school, as early as time during puberty |
| Fantasy Specifics | -fantasized about committing sadistic acts, bondage, control and torture  -fantasized about tying girls up and having his way with them when he became pubic  -bondage |
| Fetish (i.e. underwear) | No |

Adult Variables

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| Significant Others | **Wife (ex), children (two)**  **-2; 1 M (Brian) living in Connecticut, 1 F (Kerri) living in Michigan** |
| Married | Yes  -Married to Paula Rader (nee Dietz) for 34 years |
| Multiple Divorces | No, one divorce (wife Paula filed for an emergency divorce which she was immediately granted on July 26, 2005) |
| Occupation | -Code compliance officer in the Wichita suburb of Park City, -Boy scout troop leader, President of his church, grocery store employee (adolescent) –meat department, air force pilot, ADT security services |
| Criminal Record | Yes / **No \*\*however, unnecessarily tranquilized dogs while working as a**  **compliance officer\*\*** |
| Criminal Versatility | **Yes** / No **Specifics**: torture, strangulation, stalking |
| Substance Abuse | Yes / **No** |

Murder Information

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| Decade that murders occurred | -1970’s, resurfaced two years before his arrest (two years before either 2004 or 2005) after vanishing in 1991  -70’s to the 90’s |
| Age at beginning of series | 29 |
| Stressor | **Unknown** |
| Victimology | **Sex:** male and female (majority female) 2 M; 8 F **Age Range:** varies, children not exempt **Race:** hispanic, white **Additional: N/A** |
| Number of Victims | **10 counts of first degree murder, (10 victims, though suspected to be responsible for more)** |
| Method of Killing | -strangulation, ritual of death: plastic bag over head and strangulation  -ultimate climax, fantasized about victims and masturbated over dead bodies (masturbated in victim’s panties), used panty hose, belts, other objects for strangulation, used a gun and a knife in some cases |
| Rape | No: never sexually assaulted any of his victims really -stimulated himself sexually with violence, masturbation after victims deceased |
| Necrophilia | No |
| Serial Killer Typology | Organized killer  -not one person that knew Dennis Rader, ever suspected him of being the BTK killer, not even during the 11 month investigation when the BTK killer reemerged in March 2004  -avid member of the Christ Lutheran Church; stunned the leader of Church upon arrest  -hid his tracks until the time that he confessed  -described as a “soft-spoken family man” that neighbours would never have suspected of committing any crime let alone the ten counts of murder (and maybe more) that he was convicted with  -organized killer/ sexual sadist/lust/hedonist killer  -thrilled to stalk and survey victims before murdering them |
| Token | -kept victims driver licenses, newspaper clippings, artwork, photos and “BTK letters”  -took personal items off of victims  -jewelry  Photographs |
| Partner | No |
| Method(s) used to evade law enforcement | Rader had a thorough knowledge of security systems, learned how to outsmart home security systems (protecting citizens from “BTK”)  -essentially learned this skill in order to be elusive |

Media Coverage of Capture

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| Link 1 Newspaper article | <http://www.kansas.com/2005/07/16/19134/btk-describes-his-own-crimes.html> |
| Link 2 Letters found and received by media from Rader | <http://www.crimelibrary.com/photogallery/dennis-rader-btk.html?curPhoto=2>  <http://www.freewebs.com/thebtksite/raderletters.htm> |
| Link 3 Photo Gallery of Crime Scene Photos | <http://www.freewebs.com/thebtksite/crimepics.htm> |
| Link 4 Newspaper Article | [**http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/02/26/btk.investigation/index.html?section=cnn\_topstories**](http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/02/26/btk.investigation/index.html?section=cnn_topstories) |
| Link 5 Detailed Article on how the Cops Caught Rader | <http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/how_the_cops_caught_btk/> |

Police Interview

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| Police Investigation (PDF) | <http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_arch&article_id=1065&issue_id=122006>  <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2005/jul/10/police_detail_capture_btk/> |
| Interview (Video) Title: Exclusive Interview with BTK Killer | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXa_YreEFEs> |

Trial Proceedings

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| Trial Proceedings (PDF): State Summary of Evidence | <http://members.dodo.com.au/kbears/statessummaryoftheevidence.pdf> |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK Dennis Rader’s Sentencing Statement | [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy\_DC-OzriE**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy_DC-OzriE) |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK victim impact statements | [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8bI-R341rs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8bI-R341rs) |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK Confession, Part 1-The Otero Family Murders | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCh_9Oe2OA8> |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK Dennis Rader Sentencing | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vubu9aI5F5c> |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK Confessions Part 2-Kathryn Bright | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQYs6ZAe9mo> |
| Trial Proceedings (Video): BTK Confession, Part 1-the Otero Family Murders | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCh_9Oe2OA8> |
| Trial Proceedings: Court Transcript of BTK’s Confession | <http://crime.about.com/od/current/a/btktranscript.htm> |

Psychological Assessment

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| Psychological Assessment (article): Portrait of a Psychopath | [**http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/features/portrait-of-psychopath?page=2**](http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/features/portrait-of-psychopath?page=2) |
| Psychological Assessment (Video): Interview with psychologist Robert Mendoza | [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXa\_YreEFEs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXa_YreEFEs) |

Documentary Films

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| Title: Interview with Serial Killer Dennis Rader new HD 720p | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Hj-_5tSlQU> |
| Title: Dennis Rader BTK Bind Torture Kill ) [FR] New 2014 | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTVM4-ps0v8> (in French, translated captions available) |
| Title:Dennis Rader-Serial Killer-Documentary | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acs6hJKWQU0> |

Death

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| Information on Death | **-not deceased, received a 175 year sentence August 18, 2005 for his crimes**  **-not eligible to parole until 2180**  **\*note\*: district attorney asked that while spending time in jail, Rader be denied materials that would “feed his fantasies”** |

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