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| David Copeland *“Nail Bomber”* | | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | | |
| 5/15/1976 | 0 | Born in Isleworth, London | | |
| 1988 | 12 | Experiencing sadistic dreams (told after arrest in 2000) | | |
| 1992 | 16 | Left school and turned to drugs and alcohol | | |
| 5/1997 | 21 | Joined the British National Party | | |
|  | 21 | Moved to London to work on the Jubilee line extension as an engineer assistant | | |
|  | 21 | Photographed standing next to BNP founder John Tyndal | | |
| 1998 | 22 | Joined National Socialist Movement | | |
|  | 22 | Prescribed anti-depressants | | |
|  | 22 | Moved back to New Hampshire and became the NSM regional unit leader | | |
| 4/17/1999 | 22 | 1st attack at Brixton, England – left a bomb on Electric Ave. which injured 50 people | | |
| 4/24/1999 | 22 | 2nd attack on Hamburg St. – injured 13 people | | |
| 4/29/1999 | 22 | Picture released to press causing to plan 3rd attack | | |
| 4/30/1999 | 22 | 3rd attack at Admiral Duncan Pub (center of London’s gay village) - killed 4 and injured approximately 60 | | |
| 5/1/1999 | 22 | Arrested in the early morning hours at his home in Hampshire | | |
| 6/2000 | 23 | Convicted of murder and sentenced to 6 life sentences | | |
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| **General Information** | | | | |
| Sex | | | Male | |
| Race | | | White | |
| Number of victims | | | 4 killed and 129 injured | |

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| Country where killing occurred | England |
| States where killing occurred | London |
| Type of killer | Mass killer |
| Height | Short, leading to nickname Mr. Angry |
| **Childhood Information** | |
| Date of birth | 5/15/1976 |
| Location | Isleworth, London |
| Birth order | First |
| Number of siblings | None |
| XYY? |  |
| Raised by | Father |
| Birth category | Only child |
| Parent’s marital status | Married, still together |
| Family event |  |
| Age of family event |  |
| Problems in school? | Yes, low grades and teased |
| Teased while in school? | Yes, nicknamed Mr. Angry |
| Physically attractive? | Very small for his age |
| Physical defect? | none |
| Speech defect? | none |
| Head injury? | no |
| Physically abused? | No |
| Psychologically abused? | no |
| Sexually abused? | no |
| Father’s occupation | unknown |
| Age of first sexual experience | Never had any (never had romantic relations) |
| Age when first had intercourse | Never had any |
| Mother’s occupation | Unknown |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Unknown |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | Unknown |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | Dropped out at 16 |
| Highest degree | none |
| Grades in school | low |
| IQ | 126 |
| **Work History** | |
| 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? | no |

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| Types of jobs worked | Engineer assistant |
| Employment status during series | employed |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Single |
| Number of children | none |
| Lives with his children | no |
| Living with | No one |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | no |
| Fire setting | no |
| Bed wetting | no |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes, heroin |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | Paranoid Schizophrenia and Personality Disorder |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Petty crimes |
| Spend time in jail? | no |
| Spend time in prison? | no |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | no |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 4 killed, 129 injured |
| Victim type | Gays, blacks, and Asians |
| Killer age at start of series | 22 |
| Gender of victims | Killed- 1 female and 2 males |
| Race of victims | white |
| Age of victims | Female- 27, males- 31 and 32 |
| Method of killing | Bomb containing nails |
| Type of serial killer | Disorganized, missionary killer |
| How close did killer live? | Walking distance |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | no |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | no |
| Weapon | Killer brought the bomb with him and planted it then left |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | no |
| Tortured victims? | no |
| Stalked victims? | no |

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| Overkill? | no |
| Quick & efficient? | no |
| 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 | no |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | Yes |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | 5/01/1999 |
| Date convicted | 6/30/2000 |
| Sentence | 6 life sentences |
| Killer executed? | no |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | Yes |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Belmarsh for ten months then sent to Broadmoor top security hospital, England. |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | Still alive |

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