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| Charles Albright  *“Eyeball Killer, Dallas Ripper and Dallas Slasher”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 08/10/1933 | 0 | Born in Amarillo Texas, adopted as the only child of Fred and Delle Albright | |
| No  specific dates |  | As a child he was doted upon and would be dressed in girl’s clothes and given a doll at times when his aunt was present. He was an impulsive child and would always manage to get out of the yard behind where his mother worked. She searched the fence and found no openings, but later learned he would wait for people passing by and simply would ask them to lift him over. Della ended up tying him to the porch to keep him away from the fence. | |
| No  specific dates |  | As soon as he received his first gun, he began shooting small animals such as squirrels and rabbits. He wanted to become a taxidermist and with Delle’s help, learned to skin and stuff animals but grew bored of small animals.  As a teen he helped his mother in her real estate business | |
| 1946 | 13 | Convicted of aggravated assault. | |
| 1947 | 14 | Owned property that his adoptive parents bought for him | |
| 1948 | 15 | Had sex with local prostitute and received “crabs.” | |
| 1949 | 16 | Stole $380 from a cash register, and after a police investigation, they found 2 handguns, and a rifle worth over $111. | |
| 04/21/1951 | 17 | Sentenced to prison for theft and receiving stolen goods and served 6 months of a 2 year term. This began his fate of the 10’s… he has trouble with the law approximately every 10 years, but was apparently a  successful thief and con artist in between! | |

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| 1951? | 17 | Went to Arkansas State Teacher’s College. Broke into a girl’s dorm and stole nude pictures, and also broke into a professor’s office. |
| 1952? | 18 | Cut out the eyes of a friend’s ex-girlfriend and pasted them on the walls and onto the picture of another girl’s face. |
| 1952-53? | 19 | Dated Bettye Nestor, an excellent prim and proper young lady, who worked in the president’s office and then he tricked her into stealing keys for all over the college and used them unethically to aid his schemes. |
| 12/27/1954 | 20 | Married Bettye Nestor two days after Christmas. Rarely keeps a job more than 3 months and became a bullfighter to show friends he could, styled hair, manufactured baseball bats, became and illustrator, and was a designer for a company that made airplanes. |
| 1954 | 20 | Stole equipment from the college and was ready to take it away at the end of semester, but caught. He was expelled from school but was not  criminally prosecuted. |
| 1961 | 27 | Arrested for receiving and concealing stolen goods. Charges didn’t stick so he was released and suffered no consequences. |
| 1968 | 34 | Forged papers from Arkansas State Teacher’s college, changing grades to A’s and B’s, and giving himself a Bachelor’s Degree, and then a Master’s degree. |
| 1970 | 36 | Sentenced to 3 years probation in Hunt County for forgery and altering official records (to change his grades and get undeserved academic recognition for jobs). |
| 1971 | 37 | Arrested for forging cashier’s checks. Only received probation. |
| 1975 | 41 | Separated from wife, Bettye. |
| April 1979 | 46 | Was sentenced to a year of probation after stealing 2 perfume atomizers from a Dallas store (he always loved giving gifts, even when  unemployed, so assumed most were stolen). |
| 1980 | 47 | Sent back to prison after pleading guilty to stealing a miter saw and other items openly from a Dallas store |
| 1981 | 48 | Mother, Delle, dies. He travels and meets his birth mother. |
| 1981 | 48 | Is accused of molesting a 9-year old girl, and claims innocence and not understand why his friends and the girl would say such things, but accepted a guilty plea not to cause further problems. |
| 1984 -87 | 51- 54 | Dated Mary White, who came back long after he was convicted and insisted she was afraid of him and knew he killed Pratt because of astrological tables he followed and knew he would kill again. |
| 1885 | 52 | Went to trial for sexual molestation case and received probation. |
| 1986 | 53 | Father, Fred, dies. Albright moves in with Dixie Austin. He inherits almost $100,000 from his parents. Even with his inheritance, Dixie worked at a gift shop and fully supported Albright and paid all the household expenses. |
| 1987 | 54 | Divorced Bettye Nestor, they had one daughter. |
| 1988 | 55 | Rhonda Bowie, 30, another Dallas prostitute, found dead from stab wounds, eyes not removed. |
| 1990 | 57 | He tries to start a romantic relationship with Glenda Durham until she learns about Dixie. |

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| Note:  1990 | 57 | Starts drawing pictures of mutilated women, -- the prostitutes he  murdered? But not sure if it was before or after the first murder. Also, is beginning to display odd behaviors, such as mowing lawn in underwear and collecting serial killer books. |
| 1990-91? | 57-8 | Albright has an early morning shift delivering newspapers around which questions as well as alibis arose. |
| 12/13/1990 | 57 | Date of first slaying and eyeball removal, Mary Lou Pratt (WF, 35), prostitute, shot in the back of the head, eyes cut out and her body dumped in southern Dallas County. In about 3 monthss, there was an encyclopedia think file on Albright, but by then, 2 others were killed in the same manner. |
| 02/10/1991 | 58 | Second slaying- Susan Beth Peterson (WF, 27), shot in the back of the head, eyes cut out and her bodies dumped in southern Dallas County. |
| 03/19/1991 | 58 | Third slaying - Shirley Elizabeth Williams (BF, 41), prostitute, was found shot in the back of head, eyeballs removed, her body dumped in southern Dallas County, found in the 2800 block of Bently Ave. [Albright lived nearby at 1000 block of El Dorado Ave, Oak Cliff, TX.] |
| 03/22/1991 | 58 | Albright’s home in the 1000 block of El Dorado Avenue is raided by police and searched where they found a pick-up truck that had been stolen from Chevrolet in 1988, and he is taken in for questioning, he is  questioned for 7 hours. |
| 03/23/1991 | 58 | He was not charged then, as the evidence from his home didn’t link him to the case, however it pushed the investigations further. |
| 04/08/1991 | 58 | Albright, indicted in the third of the three slayings on April 18, is in solitary confinement at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. Before his March arrest in connection with the gruesome killings, murky undertows of vice, deceit and sexual depravity tugged quietly against the public persona of the amiable 57-year-old whom neighbors adored. |
| 06/25/1991 | 58 | Albright’s lawyer, Brad Lollar, “challenged the state's right to hold Mr. Albright pending an indictment in the October 1988 death of Rhonda Bowie.” |
| 08/21/1991 | 58 | Albright is “charged with murdering four Dallas-area prostitutes, also has become the chief suspect in two Arkansas killings” and many other unsolved murders try to find their way to Albright as killer. |
| 11/02/1991 | 58 | Prosecutors are consider dropping one of four murder cases against Albright (Rhonda Bowie) because witnesses say he was at a softball tournament in New Mexico when the 1988 killing occurred in Dallas, which had the same fiber or hair evidence as in the three other cases currently under way. Police said that hairs or fibers found on the body of 30-year-old prostitute Rhonda Bowie implicated Albright. |
| 12/07/1991 |  | In more than 20 years of studying serial killers, FBI Agent Judson M.  Ray testified Friday, he has never seen anything like the "precision cutting' used to mutilate three Dallas prostitutes. "What was interesting to us was the method in which these victims, these body parts, were taken,' the FBI agent said. "In my professional opinion, it's doubtful that you would have more than one person that deranged living in this city.' |

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| 12/11/1991 | 58 | Neighbor testified that Albright was a very pleasant neighbor who often gave gifts and did free electrical work. | |
| 12/12/1991 | 58 | Defense Forensic expert, Samuel J. Palenik, a small particles expert, testified that hair samples representing much of the evidence against Albright may not belong to him, Charles Albright’s girlfriend Dixie also testified saying that Albright was not capable of committing such violent crimes and also insists he was with her for at least one murder time. Palenik also questioned if the evidence from Albright’s vacuum cleaner even came from the victims, while the prosecution expert, Charles Linch of Dallas, listened | |
| 12/17/1901 | 58 | Case goes to jury. | |
| Dec ?1991 | 58 | Jury convicts Albright on one murder, Shirley Williams, due to strongest evidence (also her yellow raincoat) and he is sentenced to life in prison. | |
| 12/10/1995 | 62 | More multiple prostitute slayings in Dallas | |
| Nov.17, 2004 | 71 | After reading the book, and reading all the news articles, we feel Mr. Albright may have been wrongly convicted of Shirley Williams’ murder, and that whoever killed her likely killed the other two as well. We cannot guess if he has ever killed others, but lean towards his innocence in these three that qualify him as a serial killer. He does not seem to be a nice man, but maybe not a serial killer either. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | Suspected of 3, convicted of 1 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Texas (Dallas County) |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | August 10, 1933 |
| Location | | | Amarillo, Texas |
| Birth order | | | An adopted only child |
| Number of siblings | | | None in adoptee family, 1 sister? birth mother |
| XYY? | | | Unknown but not specifically mentioned |
| Raised by | | | Both parents, Fred and Delle, Delle was doting and over-protective and controlling |
| Birth category | | | Only child |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married |
| Family event | | | Nothing notable until mother’s death, then later, father’s |
| Age of family event | | | 48/53 |
| Problems in school? | | | Grades varied, bright, in trouble mostly in college. |
| Teased while in school? | | | Not mentioned, other than mother and aunt dressing him like a girl at home while very young |
| Physically attractive? | | | Fairly so, very charming |
| Physical defect? | | | No |
| Speech defect? | | | No |

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| Head injury? | No (none known) |
| Physically abused? | No |
| Psychologically abused? | No, but mother was always in his life trying to control him, and she and his aunt sometimes dressed him as a girl |
| Sexually abused? | No, |
| Father’s occupation | Not noted, but saved and bought land |
| Age of first sexual experience | 15 |
| Age when first had intercourse | 15 with a prostitute, and acquired lice |
| Mother’s occupation | Mother/wife and in real estate |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 12, graduated from Adamson HS in Oak Cliff (15) |
| Highest degree | Diploma, GED, associates, bachelors… some he forged |
| Grades in school | Not noted either way, but spoken of as smart |
| IQ | Not noted |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | Seems more he got bored and quit. |
| Types of jobs worked | Baseball bat designer, H.S. biology teacher, Football coach |
| Employment status during series | Delivering morning newspapers for Dallas Morning News? But didn’t seem to need to work very often due to funds from his parents, left to him when they died and Dixie worked in a gift shop to pay all the household bills. |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Seemed hetero, not stated, but rarely had sex with the prostitutes, more into sadistic demeaning and beatings. |
| Marital status | Married, divorced, remarried |
| Number of children | 3 by first wife, Bettye |
| Living with | Girl friend, Dixie at time of murders |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | No |
| Been to a psychologist? | Not noted |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | None, may be Axis II but personality, NPD, etc. |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes, long history of petty theft, burglary, and cons |
| Spent time in jail? | Yes, on and off, but frequently paroled |

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| Spent time in prison? | Yes “ “ |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No killings before these three, 1988 suspicious was  unfounded even w/ same evidence as that which convicted him, and evidence is shaky for his one conviction and he has requested “Project Innocence” to test the sparse  evidence to prove his innocence. |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 3 |
| Victim type | Prostitutes (3) |
| Killer age at start of series | 58 |
| Gender of victims | Female |
| Race of victims | 2 white, one black |
| Age of victims | 27, 35 & 41 yrs old |
| Method of killing | Shot with 44 magnum with silver tips |
| Type of serial killer | Not noted, as he insists innocence, but precision and posing bodies seemed to be of a pre-planned organized thinker. |
| How close did killer live? | Lived in same city, drove to outside town to do killings, and brought bodies back in town where they could easily be found. |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | None, possibly property he owned, rented by Speedy, another suspect once, who has dropped off face of earth before trial. |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No, in field or his rental property |
| Weapon | Killer brought with him |
| **Behavior During Crimes** | |
| Rape? | Unknown, victims were prostitutes, and it was before DNA testing. |
| Tortured victims? | No torture, but liked aggressive, rough sex anyway, and seemed to hate prostitutes so much he refused to admit he had been with them, even though that would have set him free. |
| Stalked victims? | Trolled for prostitutes regularly so they trusted him |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes, seemingly so. |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | Not during the kill, used surprise and trust |
| **After Death Behavior** | |
| Sex with the body? | One source claims he removed the eyeballs to have intercourse in the sockets. No other confirmation of this. |
| Mutilated body? | Yes, skillfully removed their eyes such that it was not noticed till the coroner opened the lids to observe their eyes and was shocked they were not there. |
| Ate part of the body? | No, unless he ate the eyeballs, which were never found |
| Drank victim’s blood? | No |
| Posed the body? | Yes |
| Took totem – body part | Yes – victims’ eyes |
| Took totem – personal item | Not mentioned |
| Robbed victim or location | No |
| **Disposal of Body** | |

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| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | Moved after murder and eye removal, so were easy to find, and posed them lewdly. |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-up and disposed of | No |
| Moved, to home | No |
| **Sentencing** |  |
| Date killer arrested | March 1991 |
| Date convicted | December 18, 1991 by a jury of 9 women and 3 men |
| Sentence | Life in prison |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Amarillo, Texas |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | N/A |
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