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| Daniel Joseph Blank | | |  |
| Serial killer researched by Information summarized by:  *Kristin Foye, Paul Hall, Mathew Helsel and Alia Zaro*  Department of Psychology  Radford University  Radford, VA 24142-6946 | | | |
| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 1962 |  | Born in Paulina, Louisiana. | |
| Childhood? |  |  | |
| 10/17/1996 | 34 | Murdered Victor Rossi (WM, 41), beat him to death in his home in St. Amant, Louisiana. Blank worked as Rossi’s car repair shop | |
| 04/09/1997 | 35 | Murdered Lillian Phillipe (WF, 71) of Gonzales, Louisiana. She was stabbed to death in her home. Blank previously bought car parts from the store that Phillipe’s husband had started. | |
| 05/18/1997 | 35 | Murdered Barbara Bourgeois (WF, 58), of Paulina, Louisiana. She was stabbed to death at her home, a quarter mile away from Blank’s home. | |
| 05/09/1997 | 35 | Daniel bludgeoned to death, Sam Arcuri (WM, 76) and Louella Arcuri (WF, 69) in their LaPlace, Louisiana home. | |
| 05/14/1997 | 35 | Daniel murdered Joan Brock (WF, 55), in the back yard of her LaPlace home. She was beaten to death. Blank had worked at Brock’s husband’s car repair shop in Reserve. | |
| 07/07/1997 | 35 | Attempted murder of Leonce and Joyce Millet, both 66 years old. They were beaten and shot inside their Gonzales home. They both survived.  They helped the police composite a sketch of Daniel Blank that eventually lead to his arrest. | |
| 11-14-1997 | 35 | Daniel Blank was arrested in Onalsaka, Texas  Sherrif Jeff Wiley of Ascension Parish, La., said Blank confessed on videotape to stabbing, bludgeoning, or shooting six people to pay for his gambling habit. | |
| November,1997 | 35 | Daniel Blank’s girlfriend, Cynthia Bellard, was arrested days after Daniel was arrested on five different murder charges. In exchange for having those charges dropped, she agreed to testify about Blank’s killing spree. | |
| 05-15-1998 | 35 | Daniel Blank was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Joan Brock | |
| 07-23-1998 | 36 | The prosecutors dropped two counts of first-degree murder against Daniel Blanks ex-girlfriend, Cynthia Bellard. | |
| 12-10-1998 | 36 | Daniel Blank escaped during a pause in the hearing through a second-floor bathroom window. He was caught after a short chase. | |
| 12-30-1998 | 36 | Daniel Blank’s attorneys argued that the investigators coerced and manipulated their client into falsely confessing. The defense also motioned for a change of venue as a result of the cases popularity. | |
| September,1999 | 37 | Was convicted of killing Lillian Philippe and was sentenced to death by lethal injection. | |
| 04-11-2000 | 38 | Convicted of killing Joan Brock and was sentenced to death by lethal injection | |

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| 11-13-2001 | 39 | Daniel plead guilty to two counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of Sam and Louella Arcuri. He was sentenced to two irrevocable life sentences. | |
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| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | Suspected of 6, Confessed to 6, Convicted of 2 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Louisiana |
| Type of killer | | | Gain Killer |
| Height | | |  |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | 1962 |
| Location | | | Paulina, Rural St. James Parish in LA |
| Birth order | | | One of eight children |
| Number of siblings | | | 8 |
| XYY? | | |  |
| Raised by | | |  |
| Birth category | | |  |
| Parent’s marital status | | |  |
| Family event | | |  |
| Age of family event | | |  |
| Problems in school? | | |  |
| Teased while in school? | | |  |
| Physically attractive? | | |  |
| Physical defect? | | |  |
| Speech defect? | | |  |
| Head injury? | | | Struck by a vehicle while riding a bike at the age of 12. Diagnosed with a mild brain dysfunction. |
| Physically abused? | | |  |
| Psychologically abused? | | |  |
| Sexually abused? | | |  |
| Father’s occupation | | |  |
| Age of first sexual experience | | |  |
| Age when first had intercourse | | |  |
| Mother’s occupation | | |  |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | |  |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | |  |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | 8th grade |
| Highest degree | | | No degree |
| Grades in school | | | Reads at a third grade level |
| IQ | | | 85 |
| **Work History** | | | |
| Served in the military? | | |  |
| Branch | | |  |

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| Type of discharge |  |
| Saw combat duty |  |
| Killed enemy during service? |  |
| Applied for job as a cop? |  |
| Worked in law enforcement? |  |
| Fired from jobs? | Fired from being a mechanic at Brock’s car repair shop, the husband of one of the women he murdered. |
| Types of jobs worked | Mechanic |
| Employment status during series | On and off Mechanic |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Single |
| Number of children | Four |
| Lives with his children | Yes |
| Living with | Girlfriend |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture |  |
| Fire setting |  |
| Bed wetting |  |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? |  |
| Abused alcohol? |  |
| Been to a psychologist? | Neuropsychologist hired to evaluate mental capacity of Daniel Blank. |
| Time in forensic hospital? |  |
| Diagnosis | Has a learning disability that hampers his verbal abilities and understanding of abstract concepts. Also diagnosed as having schizo-affective paranoia disorder |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? |  |
| Spend time in jail? |  |
| Spend time in prison? |  |
| Killed prior to series? Age? |  |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 6 |
| Victim type | Adults, home invasion |
| Killer age at start of series | 35 |
| Gender of victims | 2 men and 4 women |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 41, 55, 58, 69, 71, 76 |
| Method of killing | Bludgeoned or stabbed to death |
| Type of serial killer | Organized lust, disorganized thrill |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | Yes |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Weapon | Killer found at scene- trophy, bat, knife, hammer |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | Stalked them from outside home, to make sure they were |

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|  | not at home. |
| 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 | Yes, sole purpose of breaking into their houses in the first place. |
| 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 | Yes |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | November 14, 1997 |
| Date convicted | May 15th, 1997 |
| Sentence | Death by Lethal Injection |
| Killer executed? |  |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No, but it was discussed as an option |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Name and state of prison | Louisiana |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death |  |

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