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| William George Bonin *“The Freeway Killer”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 01-08-1947 | 0 | Born in Connecticut. | |
| 1954 | 7 | Neglected and abused by parents and grandfather | |
| 1955 | 8 | Served time in a juvenile hall for stealing license plates. Bonin became the sexual play things of others, sexual sadism,  punishments such as submersion in ice water, and threats at the point of a knife. | |
| 1955 | 8 | 1st sexual experience, aware asked for restraints. | |
| 1965 | 18 | Joined the Air Force. | |
| 1969 | 22 | First arrest for sexually assaulting young boys. Sent to Atascadero State Hospital and diagnosed as having a manic-depressive illness.. | |
| 1975 | 28 | Released from Atascadero State Hospital. | |
| August 1975 | 28 | Rape and attempted strangulation of David McVicker, 14-years old. | |
| 1978 | 31 | Released by the California prison system. | |
| 08-05-1979 | 32 | Killed first victim Marcus Grabs, 17-years old. | |
| 08-27-1979 | 32 | Murdered Donald Hyden, 15-years old. | |
| 09-09-1979 | 32 | Murdered David Murillo, 17-years old. | |
| 12-02-1979 | 32 | Murdered Dennis Frank Fox, 17-years old. | |
| 02-03-1980 | 33 | Murdered Charles Miranda, 15-years old. | |
| 02-06-1980 | 33 | Murdered James McCabe, 12-years old. | |
| 03-14-1980 | 33 | Murdered Ronald Gatlin, 19-years old. | |
| 03-20-1980 | 33 | Murdered Harry Todd Turner, 14-years old. | |
| 03-22-1980 | 33 | Murdered Glenn Barker, 14 years old and Russell Rugh, 15 years old. | |
| 04-10-1980 | 33 | Murdered Steven Wood, 16-years old. | |
| 04-29-1980 | 33 | Murdered Darin Lee Kendrick, 19 years-old. | |
| 05-18-1980 | 33 | Murdered Lawrence Sharp, 17-years old. | |
| 06-2-1980 | 33 | Murdered Steven Jay Wells, 18-years old. | |
| 06-11-1980 | 33 | Attempted rape, with intent to kill, Harold T, 15-years old. Apprehended by police. | |
| 07/25- 07/29 1980 | 33 | Charged with 14 counts of murder, three counts of robbery. | |
| 03-12-1982 | 35 | Convicted during first trial he was sentenced to death in 1982 for 10 murders throughout Los Angeles County. | |

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| 08-26-1983 | 36 | Convicted during second trial in Orange County of the other four murders, for which he received a second death sentence. | |
| 03-16-1990 |  | Bonin v. California | |
| 02-23-1996 | 49 | Executed. First person in California to die by lethal injection. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | Convicted of 14, suspected as many as 30 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | California |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Orange County and Southern California |
| Type of killer | | | Disorganized lust |
| Height | | |  |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | January 8, 1947 |
| Location | | | Connecticut |
| Birth order | | | 1st of 2 |
| Number of siblings | | | 1 |
| XYY? | | | No |
| Raised by | | | Both parents and grandfather |
| Birth category | | | Oldest |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married |
| Family event | | |  |
| Age of family event | | |  |
| Problems in school? | | | Yes |
| Teased while in school? | | |  |
| Physically attractive? | | | No |
| Physical defect? | | |  |
| Speech defect? | | |  |
| Head injury? | | | Brain damage, unexpected scars |
| Physically abused? | | | Neglected by parents |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Neglected by parents |
| Sexually abused? | | | Yes by his grandfather and older boys in juvenile dentition |
| Father’s occupation | | |  |
| Age of first sexual experience | | | 8 |
| Age when first had intercourse | | | 8 |
| Mother’s occupation | | | Played bingo |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | | Alcoholic and gambler |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | |  |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | 12 |
| Highest degree | | | Diploma |
| Grades in school | | |  |
| IQ | | |  |
| Source of IQ information | | |  |
| **Work History** | | | |
| Served in the military? | | | Yes |
| Branch | | | Air Force |
| Type of discharge | | | Honorable |
| Saw combat duty | | | Yes, logged 700 hours combat/patrol |
| Killed enemy during service? | | | Yes |

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| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? |  |
| Types of jobs worked | Military, transportation |
| Employment status during series | Employed as truck driver |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Homosexual but had been married |
| Marital status | Divorced |
| Number of children | None |
| Lives with his children |  |
| Living with | Friend |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Unknown |
| Fire setting | Unknown |
| Bed wetting | Unknown |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Unknown |
| Abused alcohol? | Unknown |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes |
| Time in forensic hospital? | Atascadaro State Hospital, 5 years |
| Diagnosis | Manic depressive disorder, sociopath |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes |
| Spend time in jail? | Yes |
| Spend time in prison? | Yes |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | As many as 30 |
| Victim type | Young males |
| Killer age at start of series | 32 |
| Date of first kill in series | August 5, 1979 |
| Date of final kill in series | June 2, 1980 |
| Gender of victims | Males |
| Race of victims | Varied |
| Age of victims | Young men |
| Type of victim | Hitchhikers |
| Method of killing | Strangled |
| Weapon | Article of clothing, tire iron, binding material found at scene of the crime, knife |
| Was gun used? | No |
| Type |  |
| Did killer have a partner? | Yes, three different partners |
| Name of partner | Vernon Butts, Gregory Miley, James Munro |
| Sex of partner | Male |
| Type of serial killer | Disorganized lust |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime |
| Location of first contact | Highway |
| Location of killing | Killer’s home, van |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | Sometimes |

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| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Yes he abducted using a van |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | Yes |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | Yes |
| Quick & efficient? | No because he raped, strangled and stabbed them |
| Used blindfold? | Possibly |
| Bound the victims? | Yes |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | No |
| Mutilated body? | Yes |
| 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, he took their wallets |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | Yes, no but he left bodies on side of the highway, dumpsters/alley |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | June 11, 1980 |
| Date convicted | March 12, 1982, August 26, 1983 |
| Sentence | Death |
| Killer executed? | Yes, February 23, 1996 |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Name and state of prison | San Quentin, California |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | February 23, 1996, 49 years old |

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