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| Robert Charles Browne | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 10/31/1952 | 0 | Born in Coushatta, Louisiana | |
| 12/31/1961 | 9 | Grandfather throws himself down a well | |
| 1963 | 9- 10? | Aunt brutally murdered | |
| 1969 | 16 | Dropped out of high school | |
| 1969 | 17 | Joined the Army | |
| 1970 | 17 | Marries 13-year-old Terry Laverne Ward | |
| 1972 | 20 | Receives bronze star in Vietnam for service | |
| 1973 | 21 | Divorces Terry Laverne Ward | |
| 7/1973 | 21 | Awarded “exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity” from Army | |
| 9/1973 | 21 | Given “Outstanding service in connection with military operations against a hostile force” from the army | |
| 10/30/1973 | 21 | Marries second wife, Tuyet Minh Huynh in Bexar County, Texas | |
| 7/1974 | 21 | Father dies | |

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|  | 7/1974 | 21 | Robert and Tuyet Minh Huynh’s son, Thomas, is born |
| 10/1975 | 22 | Awarded “exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity” from Army |
| 1976 | 22 | Divorces Tuyet Minh |
| 07/12/1976 | 23 | Receives dishonorable discharge from the army for drug use |
| 9/1977 | 24 | Marries third wife, Brenda Gayle Ware |
| 1979 | 26 | Took Brenda Gayle Ware down to a remote waterway where he beat her fiercely. She barely made it out alive |
| 07/14/1980 | 27 | Katherine Jean Hayes (WF, 15) is strangled in Coushatta, LA (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 10/1980 | 28 | Divorces Brenda Gayle Ware |
| 10/1980 | 28 | Marries Rita Coleman |
| 10/1980 | 28 | Strangles Rita Coleman and she ends up in the ER where the doctor told her that her larynx was almost crushed |
| 1981 | 28 | Arrested for stealing three rolls of copper wire from Wireways Inc. |
| 1982 | 29 | Arrested for burglarizing a construction trailer belonging to International Paper Co. He pleaded guilty to reduced burglary and theft counts and spent 45 days in jail |
| 3/30/1983 | 30 | Wanda Faye Hudson (WF, 21) is stabbed to death in Coushatta, LA (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 1984 | 31 | Divorces Rita Coleman |
| 02/6/1984 | | 31 | Nidia Mendoza’s (HF, 17) body is found in Sugar Land, Texas (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
|  | 03/25/1984 | 31 | Melody Bush (WF, 22) is poisoned to death in Flatonia, Texas. (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 1985 | 32 | Charged with stealing a bell from a local Baptist Church |
| 01/23/1986 | 33 | Stole a ford truck from a ford dealership. Took the truck to Colorado where he met up with Marjorie Miller an old lover and ‘Jack Mason’ |
| 1986 | 33 | Continued to still use marijuana and cocaine and sell it to dealers for money. |
| 1986 | 33 | Shot a cow for fun, slit its throat and drank its blood (Jack Mason recalls) |
| 9/1986 | 33 | Arrested and pled guilty to truck theft and resisting arrest. Sentenced to 18 months in prison |
| 04/13/1987 | 34 | Given Parole |
| 11/10/1987 | 34 | Rocio Delpilar Sperry (HF, 15) is strangled to death in Colorado Springs, CO. (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 1988 | 35 | Marries fifth wife Diane Marcia Babbitts |
| 09/17/1991 | 38 | Heather Dawn Church (WF, 13) is abducted in Black Forest, Colorado. (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 11/03/1991 | 38 | Lisa Lowe (WF, 21) is strangled to death in West Memphis, Arkansas. (Browne later confesses to this murder) |
| 3/1995 | 42 | Had an online relationship with ‘QT’ |
| 03/28/1995 | 42 | Arrested for the murder of Heather Dawn Church |
| 05/24/1995 | 42 | Pleads guilty to first-degree murder in Church case. Sentenced to life without parole |
| 03/17/2000 | 47 | Writes first letter to El Paso County district attorney |
| 05/09/2002 | 49 | Charlie Hess begins talking to him |
| 07/27/2006 | 53 | Pleads guilty to murder of Rocio Sperry. Sentenced to concurrent life without possibility of parole for 40 years |
| 09/22/2006 | 53 | Returns to solitary confinement in Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility |
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|  |  | **Claimed Events**: |
| 1970-1971 |  | First murder. An American GI in South Korea |
| 1977-1979 |  | Kills ‘South Philly’ prostitute in a New Orleans Holiday Inn |
| Late 1970s |  | Kills ‘Cajun Lady’ in Morgan City, Louisiana |

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| 1980 |  | Kills two males and sets their trailer on fire. | |
| 1980 |  | Killed two people on I-70 West of Denver | |
| 1980 |  | ‘Lady laid to rest’ in marshy area near West Memphis Arkansas | |
| 1985 |  | ‘Dumped male in the muck’ near Tulsa, Oklahoma | |
| 1986 |  | Throws “lady over the precipice” in Washington State | |
| 1986 |  | Kills a couple on the beach in California | |
| 1990-1994 |  | Kills ‘cowboy lady’ in Colorado Springs | |
| 1993 |  | Shot motorcyclist in New Mexico | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 2 teenage girls confirmed and found guilty of their murders, 6 others police can corroborate claims of slayings. Admitted to 48 and has claimed up to 71 women |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Serving life in Colorado but claims slayings in Texas, Colorado, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico and California. |
| Cities where killing occurred | | |  |
| Type of killer | | | Disorganized thrill killer, missionary (killing cheating women) |
| Height | | | 6’2 |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | October 31st, 1952 |
| Location | | | Coushatta Louisiana |
| Birth order | | | Youngest of 9 |
| Number of siblings | | | 8 |
| XYY? | | | No |
| Raised by | | | Both parents |
| Birth category | | | Youngest of 9 siblings |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married |
| Family event | | | New year’s eve 1961, Grandfather throws himself down well; 1963 aunt is brutally murdered. |
| Age of family event | | | 9 |
| Problems in school? | | | Hot temper but smart |
| Teased while in school? | | | Yes |
| Physically attractive? | | | No |
| Physical defect? | | | No |
| Speech defect? | | | No |
| Head injury? | | | No |
| Physically abused? | | | Mother had fits of rage and was emotionally unstable |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Childhood was succession of horrors and humiliations by older siblings and the mother condoned this. |
| Sexually abused? | | | No |
| Father’s occupation | | | Ran dairy farm 1960’s, sharecropper, janitor, and deputy sheriff in their home town. |
| Age of first sexual experience | | | Unknown |
| Age when first had intercourse | | | Unknown |
| Mother’s occupation | | | Home maker |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | | no |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | Dropped out |
| Highest degree | | | Some high school but no diploma |

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| Grades in school | Smart but aloof with a shot fuse so didn’t get good grades |
| IQ | Unknown |
| Source of IQ information | unknown |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Army 1969-1976 |
| Type of discharge | Dishonorable for drug use |
| Saw combat duty | No but did go to Vietnam |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No other than army |
| Fired from jobs? | Yes |
| Types of jobs worked | Maintenance man, convenience store clerk, J and h flower company, assembly plant employee. |
| Employment status during series | Yes, Convenience store clerk |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual, but may have been bisexual |
| Marital status | Married 6 times |
| Number of children | 1 |
| Lives with his children | no |
| Living with | Browne’s older sister |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Yes |
| Fire setting | Yes |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | No |
| Been to a psychologist? | No |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | N/A |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes |
| Spend time in jail? | Yes |
| Spend time in prison? | Yes |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | Yes, 18 |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 8 (claims 48 to 49) |
| Victim type | Always random |
| Killer age at start of series | 28 |
| Date of first kill in series | Claimed to be 1970 an American GI in South Korea |
| Date of final kill in series | Claimed to be in 1993 (shooting a motorcyclist in New Mexico) |
| Gender of victims | Female, but claims some male too |
| Race of victims | None specific |
| Age of victims | Mostly young |
| Type of victim | Mostly females |
| Method of killing | Shoot, Stab, Strangle |
| Weapon | Gun, ice pick, shoe string, screw driver, ant killer |
| Was gun used? | Sometimes |
| Type | Handgun |

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| Did killer have a partner? | No |
| Name of partner | N/A |
| Sex of partner | N/A |
| Type of serial killer | Disorganized thrill, missionary |
| How close did killer live? | Walking distance, drove to crime for some |
| Location of first contact | Victim home |
| Location of killing | Victim’s home, killer’s home, car, etc/ |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | Sometimes |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | Sometimes |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | No |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No, states always consensual |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | No |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | No |
| Mutilated body? | Yes in some cases |
| 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, in some cases |
| Left at scene, hidden | Yes, in some cases |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | Moved |
| Cut-op and disposed of | Yes, in some cases |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | 1995 |
| Date convicted | 1995 |
| Sentence | Life |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | N/A |
| Name and state of prison | ColoradoTerritorial Correctional Facility: Cannon City Colorado |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | Still alive |

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