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| Alton Coleman | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 11-6-55 | 0 | Born in Waukegan, IL. Mother dumped him in a garbage can when he was born. | |
| 1960 | 5 | Caught stealing a watch off a man his mother was having sex with for money. | |
|  | Teens | First noticed by police when he was picked up for breaking windows. Belonged to a street gang. | |
|  | 14 | Dropped out of 9th grade | |
| 1972 | 16 | Charged with burglary. | |
| 1973 | 17 | Convicted of disorderly contact after his mother wouldn’t buy him a $6 jacket. | |
| 1973 | 17 | He and an accomplice kidnapped, raped and robbed a 54 yr old woman. He was acquitted of rape because the woman wouldn’t testify but served two years for the robbery | |
| 1975 | 19 | Arrested for another rape, was acquitted of the rape, served time for a lesser charge. | |
| 1980 | 25 | Arrested for an attempted rape. Charge was dismissed. | |
| 1982 | 27 | Suspect in knife-point rape and strangulation of 15 yr old girl. | |
| 1983 | 28 | Accused of raping his 8 yr old niece. Charge was dismissed. | |
| 1983 | 28 | Met Deborah Brown, who would become his girlfriend and partner. | |
| 1984 | 28 | Indicted for knifepoint rape and murder of a Chicago girl; he fled. | |
| 5-1984 | 28 | Strangled to death 9 year old girl – was not charged. | |
| 6/18/84 | 28 | Strangled to death and beat 7 year old girl. | |
| 6/18/84 | 28 | Beat and choked 9 year old girl, left her to die, but she lived. | |
| 6-1984 | 28 | Kidnapped 28 year old woman – warrant issued but not prosecuted. | |
| 6/28/84 | 28 | Invaded home of elderly couple in Michigan – charged but not prosecuted. | |
| 6/30/84 | 28 | Kidnapped 25-year old man and his neighbor in Michigan. A warrant issued but he was not prosecuted. | |
| 7/6/84 | 28 | Strangled and killed 30-year old woman and her 10-year old daughter in Ohio. The charges were dropped after Coleman was sentenced to die for another Ohio case. | |
| 7/7/84 | 28 | Invaded the home of an elderly couple in Ohio. He was charged but never prosecuted. | |
| 7/11/84 | 28 | Found 25-year old woman strangled to death in Indiana, she was last seen with Coleman and Brown on June 19. | |
| 7/13/84 | 28 | Beat an elderly couple in their home in Ohio, woman died, man suffered brain damage. | |
| 7/16/84 | 28 | Kidnapped a professor in Kentucky, locked him in the trunk of his car, then drove the car to Ohio. | |

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| 7/17/84 | 28 | Invaded the home of an elderly couple in Ohio – was not prosecuted. | |
| 7/17/84 | 28 | Invaded the home of another elderly couple in Ohio – was not prosecuted. | |
| 7/19/84 | 28 | Body of 15-year old girl found in an abandoned building in Ohio, she was last seen with Coleman and Brown on July 11. | |
| 7/19/84 | 28 | Body of 79-year old male found in a ditch in Indiana, had been shot 4 times and stabbed; case was not pursued. | |
| 7/20/84 | 28 | Coleman and his partner, Denise Brown, were arrested in Evanston, Illinois. | |
| 06/85 | 29 | Convicted and sentenced to death. | |
| 08/03/94 | 38 | Final appeal of death sentence denied by the State of Ohio. | |
| 10/15/01 | 45 | U.S. Supreme Court denied Coleman’s request for an appeal. | |
| 4/26/02 | 46 | Executed by lethal injection at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility. | |
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| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | African-American |
| Number of victims | | | 8 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | USA |
| States where killing occurred | | | Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois |
| Type of killer | | | Disorganized Thrill/Lust |
| Height | | | N/A |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | November 6, 1955 |
| Location | | | Waukegan, Illinois |
| Birth order | | | 3rd of 5 |
| Number of siblings | | | 4 |
| XYY? | | | N/A |
| Raised by | | | Grandmother / Mother some |
| Birth category | | | Middle |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Never married |
| Family event | | | Didn’t know his father |
| Age of family event | | |  |
| Problems in school? | | | Yes |
| Teased while in school? | | | Yes, called “pissy” because he wet his pants |
| Physically attractive? | | | Yes |
| Physical defect? | | | No |
| Speech defect? | | | N/A |
| Head injury? | | | N/A |
| Physically abused? | | | Yes |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Yes |
| Sexually abused? | | | Yes |
| Father’s occupation | | | N/A |
| Age of first sexual experience | | | Teens |
| Age when first had intercourse | | | Teens |
| Mother’s occupation | | | Prostitute |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | | N/A |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | | Yes |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | 8th |
| Highest degree | | | None |
| Grades in school | | | Poor |
| IQ | | | Below average – mildly retarded |
| **Work History** | | | |

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| Served in the military? | No |
| Branch |  |
| Type of discharge |  |
| Saw combat duty |  |
| Killed enemy during service? |  |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | N/A |
| Types of jobs worked | Nursing Home (Only job and only worked for 2 months) |
| Employment status during series | Unemployed |
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| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Bisexual |
| Marital status | Divorced – married teenage sweetheart, she abandoned him |
| Number of children | 0 |
| Lives with his children |  |
| Living with | Girlfriend |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | Yes |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Smoked marijuana occasionally |
| Abused alcohol? | Drank occasionally |
| Been to a psychologist? | Only in prison |
| Time in forensic hospital? | N/A |
| Diagnosis |  |
| **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 | 8 |
| Victim type | random |
| Killer age at start of series | 28 |
| Gender of victims | Male and female |
| Race of victims | Mostly African-American |
| Age of victims | Varied; 7 – 79 |
| Method of killing | Strangulation, Stabbed, Shot, Beaten |
| Type of serial killer | Disorganized |
| How close did killer live? | Far away, traveled to different states |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | Sometimes |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Weapon | Gun, Knife, Rope, Soda bottle |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | Yes |
| Stalked victims? | Yes |

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| Overkill? | Yes |
| Quick & efficient? | No |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | Sometimes |
| 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 | Sometimes |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | Sometimes |
| Left at scene, hidden | Sometimes |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | Sometimes |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | July 20, 1984 |
| Date convicted | June 1985 |
| Sentence | Death (in 3 states – Ohio, Indiana, Illinois) |
| Killer executed? | Yes – Lethal Injection |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | Yes |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Ohio’s Mansfield Correctional Institution |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | April 26, 2002 |

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