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| Charles Cullen *“Killer Nurse”*  *“Satan’s Son”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 2/22/1960 |  | Born in West Orange, New Jersey: Last of 8 children including 5 sisters and 2 brothers | |
| 9/1960 | 7  months | Father dies at age 56 | |
| 1969 | 9 | First suicide attempt: mixed an assortment of chemical together from chemistry set and drank it | |
| 1971 | 11 | 5th grade: Charles teased at school and wrote book with one of his only friends entitled *Infinity Years Will Never Know* about growing up in a world in which life was meaningless | |
| 1975-1976 | 15-16 | Fascinated by the works of Dostoyevsky: Favorite book was *Crime and Punishment* about a man who commits murder | |
| 12/6/1977 | 17 | Mother killed in a car accident | |
| 1978 | 18 | Bullied in high school: Goes to a party and decided to fight back by lacing drinks with rat poison but no one dies | |
| April 1978 | 18 | Drops out of high school and enlists in the Navy | |
| April  1978-June 1979 | 18-19 | Receives training to become a ballistic missiles technician in the Navy | |
| July 1979 | 19 | Given 1st assignment aboard nuclear submarine *U.S.S. Woodrow Wilson* | |
| July 1979 | 19 | Considered a “misfit” by crew members: Taunted, ridiculed, hazed, and given the nickname “Fish-belly” | |
| 1980 | 20 | Discovered sitting in stolen hospital gown, mask, and gloves at the missile control panel: Incident was reported | |
| 10/30/1981 | 21 | Reassigned to *U.S.S. Canopus* | |
| 3/30/1984 | 24 | Issued a discharge from the Navy: records not public whether the discharge was for medical or psychological reasons | |

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| May 1984 | 24 | Enrolls in Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing in Montclair, New Jersey |
| March 1987 | 27 | Brother James dies from drug overdose |
| May 1987 | 27 | Graduates from nursing school |
| 6/7/1987 | 27 | Marries computer programmer Adrienne Taub |
| June 1987 | 27 | Starts working in burn unit of St. Barnabus Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey |
| Spring 1988 | 28 | 1st daughter born |
| 6/11/1988 | 28 | 1st kill: 72-year-old John Yengo-used Lidocaine |
| 1989 | 29 | Received numerous speeding tickets and started drinking heavily |
| 12/90-2/91 | 30-31 | Psychologically and physically abuses family especially during winter by turning heat off; starts torturing the family’s 2 pet Yorkshire terriers often placing them in trash bins |
| January 1992 | 32 | Fired from St. Barnabus |
| February 1992 | 32 | Begins working in Coronary Care Unit at Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg, New Jersey |
| Summer 1992 | 32 | 2nd daughter born |
| 1/11/1993 | 32 | Wife files domestic violence complaint and requests a restraining order that is denied by the judge |
| 1/15/1993 | 32 | Wife files for divorce |
| 1/22/1993 | 32 | Cullen served with divorce papers |
| 1/25/1993 | 32 | Wife files another domestic violence complaint and requests a temporary restraining order because she feels that Charles’s access to medications could put her and daughters at risk |
| 1/31/1993 | 32 | Attempts suicide and is sent to the Behavioral Health Unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania |
| 2/5/1993 | 32 | Released and went home |
| 3/9/1993 | 33 | Kills Lucy Mugavero, 90, at Warren Hospital with digoxin—a heart stimulant |
| 3/23/1993 | 33 | Arrested for breaking into the home of Michelle Tomlinson |
| 4/16/1993 | 33 | Wife applies for and granted a restraining order; has no visitation rights with his kids; Charles attempts suicide again and sent to Carrier Clinic in Belle Meade, New Jersey |
| 7/23/1993 | 33 | Kills Mary Natoli, 85, at Warren Hospital with digoxin |
| 8/10/1993 | 33 | Pleads guilty to trespassing and harassment of Michelle Tomlinson |
| 8/11/1993 | 33 | Attempts suicide again |
| 9/1/1993 | 33 | Kills Helen Dean, 91, at Warren Hospital with digoxin |
| 10/1993 | 33 | Passes a polygraph during the investigation of Dean’s death |
| 12/1/1993 | 33 | Quits job at Warren Hospital |
| 12/7/1993 | 33 | Divorce from Adrienne finalized; Adrienne awarded custody and Charles is granted unsupervised visitation of children |
| April 1994 | 34 | Begins working at Hunterdon Medical Center in ICU in Flemington, New Jersey |
| June 1994 | 34 | Receives Pennsylvania nursing license |
| October 1994 | 34 | Receives award for diligence and hard work from colleagues; starts dating married nurse at Hunterdon |
| 1/21/1996 | 35 | Kills Leroy Sinn, 71, with digoxin at Hunterdon |
| 5/31/1996 | 36 | Kills Earl Young, 75, with digoxin at Hunterdon |
| 6/9/1996 | 36 | Kills Catherine Dext, 49, with digoxin at Hunterdon |
| 6/24/1996 | 36 | Kills Frank Mazzacco, 65, with digoxin at Hunterdon |
| 7/10/1996 | 36 | Kills Jesse Eichlin, 81, with digoxin at Hunterdon |
| October 1996 | 36 | Girlfriend dumps him; quits job at Hunterdon |

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| November 1996 | 36 | Starts working at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey |
| August 1997 | 37 | Fired from Morristown Memorial Hospital for poor job performance |
| February 1998 | 38 | Hired by Liberty Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania |
| 5/13/1998 | 38 | Cullen declares bankruptcy |
| 10/1/1998 | 38 | Cullen fired from Liberty after “accidentally” breaking a patient’s arm |
| November 1998 | 38 | Starts working part-time at Easton Hospital ICU in Easton, Pennsylvania |
| December 1998 | 38 | Starts working as a night nurse in burn unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township, New Jersey |
| 12/31/1998 | 38 | Kills Ottomar Schramm, 78, with digoxin at Easton Hospital |
| 8/31/1999 | 39 | Kills Matthew Mattern, 22, with digoxin at Lehigh Valley Hospital |
| 1/3/2000 | 39 | Attempts suicide again via carbon monoxide; sent to Warren County Crisis Center |
| 2/21/2000 | 39 | Attempts to kill Stella Danielczyk with an overdose of digoxin |
| April 2000 | 40 | Leaves Lehigh Valley Hospital |
| June 2000 | 40 | Starts working at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania |
| March 2001 | 41 | Charles’s brother, Edmond, dies of brain cancer |
| 6/22/2001 | 41 | Kills Irene Krapf, 79, with digoxin at St. Luke’s |
| 11/8/2001 | 41 | Kills William Park, 72, with digoxin at St. Luke’s |
| 1/9/2002 | 41 | Kills Samuel Spangler, 80, with digoxin at St. Luke’s |
| 5/5/2002 | 42 | Kills Daniel George, 82, with digoxin at St. Luke’s |
| 6/2/2002 | 42 | Kills Edward O’ Toole, 76, with digoxin at St. Luke’s |
| 6/7/2002 | 42 | Resigns from St. Luke’s after the hospital’s growing suspicions of him |
| 7/8/2002- 7/24/2002 | 42 | Starts working and quits Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania due to rumors circulating about him |
| 9/3/2002 | 42 | St. Luke’s reports “probable unprofessional conduct” to Pennsylvania state nursing board |
| 9/8/2002 | 42 | Starts working at Somerset Medical Center in Somerset, New Jersey |
| 9/26/2002 | 42 | Pennsylvania state nursing board starts an investigation of Cullen’s activities while employed at St. Luke’s |
| 1/6/2003 | 42 | Investigation completed and findings shared with police |
| 2/12/2003 | 42 | Kills Elenor Stoecker, 60, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 2/23/2003 | 43 | Kills Joyce Mangini, 74, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 2/23/2003 | 43 | Kills Giacomino Toto, 89, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 3/11/2003 | 43 | Kills John Shanagher, 83, with norepinephrine at Somerset Medical Center |
| 4/6/2003 | 43 | Kills Dorthea Hoagland, 80, with norepinephrine at Somerset Medical Center |
| 5/5/2003 | 43 | Kills Melvin Simcoe, 66, with sodium nitroprusside at Somerset Medical Center |
| 5/15/2003 | 43 | Michael Strenko, 21, with norepinephrine at Somerset Medical Center |
| 6/13/2003 | 43 | Attempts to kill 40-year-old Jin Kung Han with digoxin |
| 6/28/2003 | 43 | Kills Florian Gall, 68, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 7/13/2003 | 43 | Kills Pasquale Napolitano, 80, with dobutamine at Somerset Medical Center |
| 8/11/2003 | 43 | Kills Chris Hardgrove, 38, with norepinephrine at Somerset Medical Center |
| 8/27/2003 | 43 | Attempts to kill 80-year-old Frances Agoada |
| 9/20/2003 | 43 | Kills Krishnakant Upadhyay, 70, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 9/23/2003 | 43 | Kills James Strickland, 83, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 10/3/2003 | 43 | Somerset Medical Center reports suspicious deaths to Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office |
| 10/21/2003 | 43 | Kills Edward Zizik, 73, with digoxin at Somerset Medical Center |
| 10/25/2003 | 43 | Gall’s body exhumed and autopsy revealed that he died from deliberate overdose |
| 10/31/2003 | 43 | Cullen fired from Somerset and New Jersey police request his employment records |
| 12/12/2003 | 43 | Cullen arrested and taken to Somerset County jail |

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| 12/14/2003 | 43 | Tells police during interrogation that he has administered 30-40 lethal drug injections during his 16-year career as a nurse | |
| 12/15/2003 | 43 | Charged with the murder of Gall and attempted murder of Han | |
| 12/17/2003 | 43 | Transferred to Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital | |
| 12/17/2003 | 43 | Cullen surrenders his New Jersey nursing license | |
| 12/18/2003 | 43 | Cullen’s public defender announces that his client won’t help with the investigation unless authorities agree not to seek the death penalty | |
| 1/6/2004 | 43 | Cullen returns to Somerset County Jail | |
| 4/29/2004 | 44 | Cullen pleads guilty to murder of 13 patients and the attempted murder of 2 patients at Somerset Medical Center | |
| 5/19/2004 | 44 | Pleads guilty to murdering 3 people at Warren Hospital | |
| 10/7/2004 | 44 | Pleads guilty to murdering Ottomar Schramm at Easton Hospital | |
| 10/14/2004 | 44 | Charged with 6 more murder charges in Lehigh County | |
| 11/17/2004 | 44 | Pleads guilty to the murder of 5 patients at St. Luke’s as well as 1 murder and 3 attempted murders at Lehigh Valley Hospital | |
| 12/16/2004 | 44 | Pleads guilty to the 1988 murder of John Yengo | |
| March 2005 | 45 | Government launches an investigation of the hospitals where Cullen worked to see if federal laws were broken by a failure to act more promptly against Cullen | |
| 6/27/2005 | 45 | Cullen pleads guilty to 5 murders committed at Hunterdon Medical Center | |
| 12/6/2005 | 45 | Press releases that Cullen wants to donate his kidney to a relative of an ex-girlfriend | |
| 1/11/2006 | 45 | Press releases that Cullen has stopped cooperating with investigators and demands to be sentenced so he would be free to proceed with the transplant operation, if permitted | |
| 3/2/2006 | 46 | Cullen is confronted by family members of victims and sentenced to 11  consecutive life terms for the murder of 22 and the attempted murder of 3 in New Jersey. This means that he will not be eligible for parole until he has served 397 years. Cullen will be sentenced at a later date for the murder of 7 and the attempted murder of 3 in Pennsylvania. | |
| 3/18/2006 | 46 | Press releases that a New Jersey judge has agreed to allow Cullen to donate his kidney | |
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| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 22 in New Jersey; 7 in Pennsylvania; Claims to have killed as many as 40 people but can’t remember their names |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | New Jersey; Pennsylvania |
| Type of killer | | | Powerseeker: Angel of Death |
| Height | | | 5’7” |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | February 22, 1960 |
| Location | | | West Orange, New Jersey |
| Birth order | | | 8th of 8 |
| Number of siblings | | | 5 sisters; 2 brothers |
| XYY? | | | Unknown |
| Raised by | | | Mother until age 17; Shortly after her death Charles enlisted in the Navy |
| Birth category | | | Youngest |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Deceased; Charles’s mother became a widow when he was 7- |

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|  | months-old and remained single until her death in 1977 |
| Family event | Death of Mother |
| Age of family event | 17 |
| Problems in school? | Yes- social isolation |
| Teased while in school? | Yes; Teased and hazed viciously in the Navy-Given the nickname “Fish-belly” by fellow officers due to his sallow and pale complexion |
| Physically attractive? | Average |
| Physical defect? | Unknown |
| Speech defect? | Unknown |
| Head injury? | Unknown |
| Physically abused? | Unknown |
| Psychologically abused? | Unknown |
| Sexually abused? | Unknown |
| Father’s occupation | Bus driver |
| Age of first sexual experience | Unknown |
| Age when first had intercourse | Unknown |
| Mother’s occupation | Homemaker |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Unknown |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 11th |
| Highest degree | Registered Nursing Degree from Mountainside School of Nursing |
| Grades in school | Excelled in nursing school-A’s & B’s; Scored extremely high on National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (2437) |
| IQ | Has not been released |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Navy |
| Type of discharge | Discharged March 30, 1984-Naval authorities have not publicly released whether the discharge was issued for medical reasons or other reasons |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | Yes |
| Types of jobs worked | Missile & Submarine Technician; Registered Nurse |
| Employment status during series | Employed |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married at the time of the 1st murder in 1988; Divorced since 1993 |
| Number of children | 2 daughters |
| Lives with his children | Lived with children at the time of 1st murder but not at the time of subsequent murders |
| Living with | Spouse 1987-1993; Living with pregnant girlfriend at the time of his arrest in 2003 |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Yes |
| Fire setting | Unknown |

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| Bed wetting | Unknown |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes |
| Time in forensic hospital? | Yes |
| Diagnosis | Major Depression; Alcohol Dependence; Acute Anxiety Wife described him as a “borderline personality” but this diagnosis has not been confirmed |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes- trespassing, harassment, & reckless driving |
| Spend time in jail? | Arrested but no time spent |
| Spend time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | Charged with 29-claims to have killed close to 40 but can’t remember names |
| Victim type | Patients |
| Killer age at start of series | 28 |
| Gender of victims | Males & Females |
| Race of victims | No preference |
| Age of victims | Average age of 70.862 |
| Method of killing | Gave patients overdoses of primarily digoxin, a heart medication but also used lidocaine, norepinephrine, dobutamine, and sodium nitroprusside |
| Type of serial killer | Powerseeker: Angel of Death |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to scene of crime; occurred at his place of employment |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Weapon | Found at scene-used medications |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No |
| 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? | 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 | No |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | Yes |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |

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| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | 12/12/2003 |
| Date convicted | 3/2/2006 |
| Sentence | 11 consecutive life terms meaning that he won’t be eligible for parole until he serves 397 years behind bars |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Has not been transferred to a prison yet-is currently being held at the Somerset County Jail in Somerset, New Jersey |
| Killer committed suicide? | Not yet |
| Killer killed in prison? | Not yet |
| Date of death | Still alive |
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