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| Brian James Dugan | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 09/23/1956 | 0 | Born to James and Geneveive Dugan, in Nashua, New Hampshire | |
| 1967 | 11 | Family moved to village of Lisle in DuPage County, Illinois. | |
| 01/32/1972 | 15 | Arrested for burglary and put under court supervision. | |
| 1972 |  | Family moved to Batavia, a Chicago suburb on the border or DuPage and Kane Counties. | |
|  |  | Enrolled in high school. | |
|  |  | Made ward of Kane County court | |
|  |  | Juvenile complaint for trespassing and also suspected of a home burglary. Kane County court sent him to Kane County Youth Home in Batavia | |
|  |  | Family moved to east side of Aurora, IL. | |
| 12/15/1972 | 16 | Released from a youth home. Three days later he and a friend robbed a Kentucky Fried Chicken of over $4,000. The two then went to Iowa and committed burglaries in Dubuque County. | |
| 12/28/1972 | 16 | Police arrested Brian and his friend. They both confessed | |
| 02/19/1973 | 16 | K.D Waldo Middle school Break in. Brian confessed to the burglary | |
| 04/12/1973 | 16 | Brian quit school. | |
| 04/?/1974 | 16 | Committed break in at the Twirly-Top. Also attacked young girl in Lisle. | |
|  |  | Arrested two times in Aurora, first for gasoline theft then for burglary. The gasoline theft complaint was dropped due to the fact the witness was a no show. Probation was given to Brian in result of the home burglary. | |
| 08/04/1974 | 17 | Arrested while sniffing paint and resisted arrest by kicking off officers. Charges for this included resisting an officer, criminal damage to property, aggravated battery and unlawful use of an intoxicating substance. | |
|  |  | Fled to California before doing time for the previous charges. There, Brian and his friend served 30 days in jail for petty theft, possession of fireworks and narcotics paraphernalia, and possession of cannabis. | |
|  |  | After they were released Brian and his friend were arrested again for  possession of Valium and marijuana, as well as for disorderly conduct. Brian was not charged because he used a fake name | |

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| Early 1975 | 18 | Returned to Illinois |
|  |  | Attacked his sister and spent a few days in jail. |
|  |  | Arrested for bringing hunting knife in hospital |
|  |  | Lived with sister Hilary in DuPage County town of Villa Park |
|  |  | Set fire to elementary school |
|  |  | Threatened sister Hilary and her child. Brian also kicked out her headlights to her car. |
| 03/05/1976 | 19 | Arrested for the elementary school arson. |
|  |  | Brian pleaded guilty to the fire to the school but the other charges (burglary, battery, assault and criminal damage to property) were dropped. He received a sentence of one to three years but served less than seven months. |
| 01/30/1977 | 21 | Brian broke into two churches in Aurora |
|  |  | Brian pleaded guilty to the two church burglaries and did six months in jail when the actual sentence was two to six years. |
| 09/19/1977 | 21 | Brian was paroled |
| 09/30/1978 | 22 | Broke into same high school he broke into in 1975- case was a year long |
| 04/19/1979 | 22 | While the breaking and entering case was still happening Brian was charged with having a 14-year-old girl who had run away living in his house, and also charged with another Aurora burglary. |
|  |  | Served 3 years in jail |
| 07/13/1982 | 26 | Paroled |
| 1982 | 26 | Released from Menard Correctional Center, later broke parole and went to Joliet Center |
| 07/23/1982 | 26 | Attacked woman in Aurora, woman got away. |
|  |  | Charges dropped when brother was an alibi |
| 02/25/1983 |  | Just six months after being released from Joliet Correctional Center Dugan allegedly abducted, raped, and murdered 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico |
| Late Spring 1984 | 27 | Dugan was released from Jail on a recognizance bond that was related with another felony burglary charge |
| 07/15/1984 | 27 | Dugan sideswiped 27-yr-old Donna Schnorr (a nurse). Forced her car off the road, tied her up, raped her, and then murdered her. |
| 05/06/1985 |  | Brian Dugan abducts, rapes, and lets a 21 year old female go |
| 05/28/1985 |  | He attempts to kidnap a 19 year old female but she gets away, she saw his license plate and reported it to authorities, but authorities did not check on the call until later. |
| 05/29/1985 |  | Dugan kidnaps and rapes a 16-year-old girl, He gives her his name the girl is too frightened to report the incident until some time has passed and by then she can only recall his first name and last initial. |
|  |  | Kidnapped 7-year-old Melissa Ackerman, raped her and suffocated her by drowning her. He then tried to get her friend who had been with her at the time, but she escaped. |
| 06/03/1985 |  | Dugan was arrested |
| Nov 1985 |  | Pleaded guilty to the murders of 7-year-old Samonauk girl Melissa Ackerman, and 27-year-old nurse from Kane County, Donna Schnorr. |
| 11/19/1985 |  | Brian Dugan was sentenced to two life sentences plus 215 years |
| Nov 1985 |  | Dugan’s lawyers offered a hypothetical confession to the murder of Jeanine Nicarico on behalf of Dugan if he did not receive death penalty. Due to misstatements of Dugan regarding the events that took place that day the Judge denied the offer |
| 11/25/1985 |  | Begins serving his sentence at the Pontiac (IL) Correctional Facility. |
| 07/30/1987 |  | Brian Dugan is stabbed 30 times while in the Pontiac Correctional Facility. |
| 09/04/1987 |  | When Dugan took the stand he for a second time, he refused to testify for the murder of Jeanine Nicarico without being promised immunity by the court |
| Jan 1995 |  | After two other men had been convicted and sentenced to death row for the |

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|  |  | murder of Jeanine Nicarico, DNA excluded them from the murder, however it did not exclude Brain Dugan and was reported that only 3 in 10,000 men (one of which was Dugan) possess that DNA | | |
| 11/15/2002 |  | Authorities in DuPage County disclose new DNA information that is more accurate than the tests before that match Dugan to the rape and murder of Jeanine Nicarico . | | |
| Jan. 2005 | 47 | Dugan was charged with the murder of Jeanine Nicarico | | |
| Jan 2008 |  | The trial for the murder of Jeanine Nicarcio was pushed back till march | | |
| March 2008 |  | Case could be pushed back as late as next fall | | |
| 11/18/2008 | 50 | Brian Dugan’s trial for the murder of Jeanine Nicarico is still pending… | | |
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| **General Information** | | | | |
| Sex | | | Male | |
| Race | | | White | |
| Number of victims | | | 3 | |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States | |
| States where killing occurred | | | Illinois | |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Chicago suburbs, La Salle County, DuPage County | |
| Type of killer | | | Organized lust, disorganized thrill | |
| Height | | | 5’11” | |
| **Childhood Information** | | | | |
| Date of birth | | | September 23, 1956 | |
| Location | | | Nashua, New Hampshire | |
| Birth order | | | 2nd child of 5 children | |
| Number of siblings | | | One older sister, three younger brothers | |
| XYY? | | |  | |
| Raised by | | | Both parents | |
| Birth category | | | Second oldest | |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married | |
| Family event | | | N/A | |
| Age of family event | | | N/A | |
| Problems in school? | | | Hung out with younger brother, had little friends his own age | |
| Teased while in school? | | | Stayed quiet | |
| Physically attractive? | | | yes | |
| Physical defect? | | | no | |
| Speech defect? | | | no | |
| Head injury? | | |  | |
| Physically abused? | | | Brian’s ex-girlfriend explains that his father was pathologically violent and abusive | |
| Psychologically abused? | | | His father verbally abused him. | |
| Sexually abused? | | | Claimed to be sexually abused by John Wayne Gacy as a teenager, at age 15. Also, some evidence of sexual abuse in a youth home which he was at. | |
| Father’s occupation | | |  | |
| Age of first sexual experience | | | Found in his room naked at age 16 with a 12 year old girl. | |
| Age when first had intercourse | | |  | |
| Mother’s occupation | | |  | |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | | Father abused alcohol | |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | | no | |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | | High school drop out at age 16 (sophomore year) |
| Highest degree | | | | None |

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| Grades in school |  |
| IQ | IQ not available because mental health evaluation and further testing is still pending |
| Source of IQ information |  |
| **Work History** | |
| 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? | Yes |
| Types of jobs worked | Ink mixer and stock handler |
| Employment status during series | Employed |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Single |
| Number of children | No known children, did have a nephew that he was said to be very fond of |
| Lives with his children |  |
| Living with | Lived with a friend/acquaintance/family/girlfriend |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Yes |
| Fire setting | Yes |
| Bed wetting | Yes |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes, marijuana, sniffing paint, Valium |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes after being placed in jail for murder he had an interview with a psychologist |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| 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 | Suspected 5, convicted 2, 1 trial still pending |
| Victim type | Young women and female children |
| Killer age at start of series |  |
| Date of first kill in series | February 1983 |
| Date of final kill in series | November 1984 |
| Gender of victims | female |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 27, 7, and 10 |
| Type of victim | Two children, one nurse |
| Method of killing | Suffocation by drowning, strangulation, beat |
| Weapon | Tire and short heavy club |

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| Was gun used? | No |
| Type | N/A |
| Did killer have a partner? | No |
| Name of partner | n/a |
| Sex of partner | n/a |
| Type of serial killer | Organized lust, disorganized thrill |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime but lived relatively close to crimes |
| Location of first contact | Victim’s home, street |
| Location of killing | Killer’s car and second location. |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Abducted |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | No |
| Used blindfold? | Yes |
| Bound the victims? | Yes |
| 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/No |
| Left at scene, hidden | Half hidden |
| Left at scene, buried | Shallow grave |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-up and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | November, 1984 |
| Date convicted | November 19, 1985 |
| Sentence | Two life sentences plus 215 years and pending trial that could lead to the death penalty |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Name and state of prison | Pontiac Correction Center in Illinois |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | Still alive |

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