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| Dr. Glennon Edward Engleman  *“The Killing Dentist”* | | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | | |
| 02/06/1927 |  | Born in Missouri | | |
| 10/17/1953 | 26 | Married E. Ruth Ball (19) in Clayton, Missouri | | |
| 04/20/1956 | 29 | Married Eda G. Vanhest (25) in Clayton, Missouri | | |
| 1958 | 31 | Victim #1 – Shooting of James Bullock near the St. Louis Museum with a .22 caliber. Bullock was married to Engleman’s ex-wife Edna Ruth, who upon Bullock’s death collected $64,000. She invested $20,000 of this in a project of Engleman’s, a drag strip. | | |
| 09/26/1963 | 36 | Victim #2 – Hit Eric Frey, who was an employee of Engleman’s on the drag strip, in the head with a rock, pushed him down a well, and used dynamite to blow him up afterwards. Death was ruled as accidental. His wife, Sandy, who was a friend of Engleman’s, gave all the life insurance money to Engleman’s drag strip. | | |
| 04/15/1967 | 40 | Marries his second wife, Ruth Jolley | | |
| 09/05/1976 | 49 | Victim #3 – Shot Peter Halm (WM, 26) in Pacific, Missouri | | |
| 11/03/1977 | 50 | Killed Arthur Gusewelle (WM, 61) and his wife, Vernita (WF, 55) in their farmhouse nears Edwardsville, IL | | |
| 03/31/1979 | 52 | Killed Ron Gusewelle (WM, 33) in Illinois. Engleman had been hired by Ron’s wife, Barbara. | | |
| 01/14/1980 | 52 | Victim #7 – Car bomb killed 50 year-old Sophie Barrera, owner of a dental lab where he owed over $14,000. Engleman was accused by her son, Frederick Barrera, of her murder. | | |
| 02/24/1980 | 53 | Arrested for the murder of Peter Halm. | | |
| 08/04/1980 | 53 | Trial starts | | |
| 06/03/1981 | 54 | Appeals court upholds murder convictions in the deaths of Peter Halm and Sophie Barrera. | | |
| 1993 | 66 | TV movie called “Beyond Suspicion” is released. It is loosely based on the killings of Engleman. | | |
| 03/03/1999 | 72 | Died in prison of natural causes. | | |
| **General Information** | | | | |
| Sex | | | Male | |
| Race | | | White | |
| Number of victims | | | Suspected of 7, convicted of 5 | |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States | |
| States where killing occurred | | | Missouri, Illinois | |

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| Cities where killing occurred | Mostly around St. Louis |
| Type of killer | Financial gain |
| Height |  |
| **Childhood Information** | |
| Date of birth | February 26, 1927 |
| Location | Missouri |
| Birth order |  |
| Number of siblings | Three; one sister, Melody, and two brothers |
| XYY? |  |
| Raised by |  |
| Birth category |  |
| Parent’s marital status |  |
| Family event |  |
| Age of family event |  |
| Problems in school? |  |
| Teased while in school? |  |
| Physically attractive? | Stockly built and attractive in spite of his round face |
| Physical defect? | No |
| Speech defect? |  |
| Head injury? |  |
| Physically abused? |  |
| Psychologically abused? |  |
| Sexually abused? |  |
| Father’s occupation |  |
| Age of first sexual experience |  |
| Age when first had intercourse |  |
| Mother’s occupation |  |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol |  |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol |  |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school |  |
| Highest degree | Graduated dental school from Washington University, St. Louis |
| Grades in school |  |
| IQ | Top average |
| Source of IQ information | *Appointment For Murder* book |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Army Air Corps; Went to college on a GI bill. |
| Type of discharge |  |
| Saw combat duty |  |
| Killed enemy during service? |  |
| Applied for job as a cop? |  |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? |  |
| Types of jobs worked |  |
| Employment status during series | Dentist in Missouri |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married three times |
| Number of children | One son, David, with third wife, Ruth. |
| Lives with his children | Yes |

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| Living with | Spouse |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture |  |
| Fire setting |  |
| Bed wetting |  |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? |  |
| Abused alcohol? |  |
| Been to a psychologist? | No |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis |  |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? |  |
| Spend time in jail? |  |
| Spend time in prison? |  |
| Killed prior to series? Age? |  |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | Suspected of 7, convicted of 5 |
| Victim type | Familiars, many were his patients |
| Killer age at start of series | 31 |
| Date of first kill in series | 1958 |
| Date of final kill in series | January 14, 1980 |
| Gender of victims | Five men and two women |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 26, 27, 33, 50, 55, 61 |
| Type of victim | Familiars; his patients, spouses of patients, etc. |
| Method of killing | Variety; car bombs, shooting, bludgeoned, etc. |
| Weapon | Variety; dynamite, guns, sledgehammer, etc. |
| Was gun used? | Yes |
| Type | .22 caliber |
| Did killer have a partner? | Yes, a number of accomplices. Two were wives of men he killed, a brother of one of the wives. |
| Name of partner | Nick Miranda & Carmen Miranda (brother & sister), Robert Handy |
| Sex of partner | Men and women |
| Type of serial killer | Hit-man, profit, gain |
| How close did killer live? | In the same city the killing took place. |
| Location of first contact | Near St. Louis museum. |
| Location of killing |  |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Killed at contact |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | Possibly |
| Overkill? | Yes |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | No |
| After Death Behavior | |

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| 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 | Possibly |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | Mostly |
| Left at scene, hidden | Pushed Eric Frey down a well. |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | February 24, 1980 |
| Date convicted | August 1980 |
| Sentence | 5 life terms |
| Killer executed? | No. He avoided the death penalty by confessing to another murder besides the one he was being tried for. |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | He refused to use the insanity plea. |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | NA |
| Name and state of prison | Missouri Penitentiary |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | Died of natural causes |
| Date of death | March 3, 1999 |
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