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| Richard Marc Evonitz | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| July 29, 1963 | 0 | Richard Marc Evonitz was born to Joe Evonitz and Tess Evonitz in Colombia, South Carolina at Providence Hospital. | |
| July 1968 | 5 | His sister, Kristen Evonitz, was born. | |
| March 1971 | 7 | His sister, Jennifer Evonitz, was born. | |
| Dec. 24 | CH | Joe Evonitz chokes Kristen until she passes out on Christmas Eve for an unspecified reason. | |
| Childhood | CH | Jennifer Evonitz described life in the Evontiz house as, “We lived in a prison, Joe was a very controlling person. He wanted us to make straight A’s . If we didn’t we were stupid. It was all about power and control. ‘You’ll get an A or you’ll get a beating.’ I see him as a sadistic man who got pleasure- I know I saw the pleasure in his face- out of making us miserable.” | |
| May 1980 | 16 | Graduated high school at the age of 16. | |
| 1983 | 20 | Broke into a neighbor’s house and stole coins. His mom defended him when questioned by the police and he was never charged. | |
| Feb 1984 | 20 | Wrote a rubber check to K-Mart for $350.00 | |
| Feb. 1984 | 20 | After the rubber check incident his dad made him choose between living on the streets or joining the Armed Forces. | |
| Feb 1984 | 20 | Enrolled in the U.S. Navy. | |
| 1985 | 21 | Parents divorce because of mother’s phone affair with inmate. Tess, his mother, marries Perry Deveaux. Deveaux was serving a life sentence for the brutal rape and murder of fifth grade school teacher, Kathleen Sanderlin of Sullivan’s Island, South Carolina. Tess changes her name to Lorraine Deveaux after they get married at Lieber Correctional Institute. Joe, his father re-marries a woman from northern Ethiopia by the name of Ezghaharin. | |
| Aug. 1985 | 22 | Transferred to U.S.S. Koelch in Jacksonville, Florida. | |
| Jan. 1986 | 22 | U.S.S Koelch is called in to search for the wreckage of the space shuttle  Challenger. Evonitz was the sonar technician on this epic search for the wreckage. | |
| Sept. 1986 | 23 | Evonitz’s maternal grandmother Hester Ragin dies. He was reported to be closer to her than anyone else in the world. | |
| Jan 3, 1987 | 23 | Marc is stationed at May Port Navy Station in Jacksonville, Florida on the U.S.S. Koelsch. During this time Marc pulled up beside Kelli Ballard, age 15, in his car and masturbated while she walked her 3 yr old sister down the street. The next day | |

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|  |  | Kelli and her mother spot Marc following them in a mall parking lot where they got his license plate number and called the police. |
| Feb. 9, 1987 | 23 | An arrest warrant was issued for Evonitz for a lewd/lascivious act in the presence of a minor child. Evonitz returned to port after a mission and was sent immediately to the base hospital for hepatitis. After spending five days in the base hospital he was released to the police. Evonitz told the police that he “had a problem  masturbating in front of girls.” |
| June 30, 1987 | 23 | Evonitz admitted to being drunk during the incident and pleaded no contest to the conviction. Marc received a $252.50 fine and probation for three years. He was also required to have a mental health evaluation and treatment from a psychosexual counselor. This incident caused him to be demoted from Petty Officer 3rd class to Petty Officer 2nd class in the Navy. |
| March/April 1988 | 23 | The Navy placed him in an alcohol rehabilitation program where he was diagnosed with alcohol abuse. |
| August 11, 1988 | 25 | Married Bonnie Lou Gower when she was 16. He didn’t invite his dad to his wedding. She told investigators that their sex life was normal even though he would come home, blindfold her and rape her for 3 hours. |
| Nov. 1989 | 25 | Re-enlisted into Navy for 3 more years |
| Nov. 6, 1992 | 28 | Honorable discharge from Navy. He received the Navy Achievement Medal for leadership, Navy Good Conduct Medal, two Coast Guard Meritorious Unit  Ribbons, a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and a National Defense Service Medal. |
| Jan. 1993 | 28 | Evontiz moved to Spotsylvania, Va. He worked in Fredericksburg, Va. as a salesperson at Kaeser Compressors. Women at work avoided him because of his tasteless jokes. He was reported to only talk about women in degrading ways and to have had anger management issues while employed with the company. |
| Feb. 12, 1993 | 28 | Marc had a letter published in the *Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star* with the headline reading, “Bigotry Against Gay’s Betrays Nation’s Ideals.” |
| June 1995 | 31 | He broke into the house of 2 sisters, ages 11 & 13. He brought blue fuzzy handcuffs and a .25 semi-automatic handgun. He locked the 11 year old in the bathroom while he raped the 13 year old. He was never a suspect for this case. |
| August 1996 | 32 | Bonnie left him because she felt lonely and unloved. She was having an online affair and moved to California with the man she was having the affair with. |
| September 9, 1996 | 32 | Sofia Silvia, age 16, disappeared. Evonitz had told his work he had a dentist appointment and he left around noon. Sofia disappeared from her front porch while doing homework. There were no signs of struggle. |
| Oct. 16,1996 | 32 | In King George County maintenance manager Gary Norman spotted a blue bundle wrapped in rope floating in Birchwood Creek. It was later found to be Sofia Silva’s body. |
| May 1, 1997 | 32 | Evonitz called in sick at work so he could appear in bankruptcy court. After court he went to the Lisk family home in Spotsylvania. He had been stalking Kristen Lisk, age 15, and Kati Lisk, age 12, and would abduct both of them from their front yard after the school bus dropped them off. |
| May 6, 1997 | 32 | A book bag was found in the South Anna River that led to finding the bodies of Kati and Kristen Lisk. Forensic evidence consisting of the fibers of a carpet linked the two cases (Silva and Lisk) together. |
| 1998 | 34 | Divorce for reasons of irreconcilable differences was filed after eight years of marriage to Bonnie Lou Gower. |
| 1999 | 35 | Evonitz and his girlfriend Faith (whose real name has been protected) moved in with his sister Kristen in Columbia, South Carolina. |
| June 24, 2002 | 37 | Evonitz went to rape and kill a victim that he had been stalking for several weeks but she saved her fate by altering her routine that day. He moved on and found Kara, age 15 of Lexington, South Carolina. He solicited magazines to Kara in order to get her closer to his car. Once close enough to the car, he forced her, at  gunpoint, into a green plastic storage container in the trunk of his car, and took her to his apartment. His wife and her mother were vacationing at Disney World at the |

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|  |  | time. He tied Kara up, raped her, and forced her to watch the evening news about her kidnapping. After watching the evening news he tied her to a homemade wooden apparatus to spread her eagle. For the next few hours he forced her to watch pornography from his extensive child collection. He would pause the tape from time to time to rape her again. | |
| June 25, 2002 | 37 | After following Evonitz’s demands diligently throughout the night Kara earned his trust to the point of him falling asleep. Kara escaped from Evonitz ‘s bedroom while he was sleeping early that morning. Kara immediately went to the police, and led them to Evonitz’s apartment, but he was already on the run to Florida | |
| June 27, 2002 | 37 | He stayed in a motel for 2 days in Jacksonville, Florida. He called his sister, Jennifer, to meet him at IHOP and she instead called the police and turned him in. When Evonitz showed up and saw the police he fled in his vehicle doing speeds of 120 mph, with no lights on, going the wrong way in traffic. When finally cornered by the police on Bayfront Drive in Sarasota, Florida, he committed suicide in his car by shooting himself in the head, with the same .25 semi-automatic handgun he had used to abduct the girls. | |
| June 28-30, 2002 | 37 | A few days after Evonitz’s suicide the police found a lockbox at his residence that linked him to the 3 Virginia murders. The lockbox was found to contain personal items of Sophia Silva and the Lisk sisters. Forensic evidence such as Kati Lisk’s handprint on the roof of his trunk, and fibers from his blue fuzzy handcuffs and the carpet of his home were found on the girl’s bodies that linked him with the murders, as well. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | Attempted 4, Killed 3 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Virginia, attempted 1 in South Carolina |
| Type of killer | | | Organized Lust |
| Height | | | 5 feet 9 inches |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | July 29, 1963 |
| Location | | | Columbia, South Carolina |
| Birth order | | | 1st of 3 |
| Number of siblings | | | 2 Sisters |
| XYY? | | | Unknown |
| Raised by | | | Both parents |
| Birth category | | | Oldest |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Together during childhood but later divorced |
| Family event | | | Parents Divorced in 1985, Grandma died in September 1986 |
| Age of family event | | | 22,23 |
| Problems in school? | | | No |
| Teased while in school? | | | No |
| Physically attractive? | | | Considered Average |
| Physical defect? | | | No |
| Speech defect? | | | No |
| Head injury? | | | No |
| Physically abused? | | | Yes, by father also witnessed sisters being abused |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Yes, father consistently called him a moron and put him down |
| Sexually abused? | | | No |
| Father’s occupation | | | Army, consistently moving and being re-stationed |
| Age of first sexual experience | | | 13 started making obscene phone calls, Suspected that at 16 |

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|  | he molested his younger sister |
| Age when first had intercourse | Unknown |
| Mother’s occupation | Housewife |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Yes, alcohol |
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| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 12 |
| Highest degree | High School Diploma |
| Grades in school | As a freshman was on list of outstanding students and graduated at age 16. |
| IQ | Not mentioned |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Navy |
| Type of discharge | Honorable Discharge |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | No, would quit before they could fire him |
| Types of jobs worked | Navy Sonar Technician, Salesperson at Kaeser Compressors, Auditor at Walter Grinders |
| Employment status during series | Employed |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married |
| Number of children | 0 |
| Lives with his children | N/A |
| Living with | Spouse |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes, marijuana |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes, placed in alcohol rehabilitation by the military |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes, had a mental health evaluation along with psychosexual counseling. |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | Alcohol Abuse by military, others unknown |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes, petty theft, rubber checks, and lewd/ lascivious act in the presence of a minor. |
| Spend time in jail? | No |
| Spend time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | Killed 3, attempted 4, raped 6 |
| Victim type | Young girls, all were slender with brown hair |
| Killer age at start of series | 33 |

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| Gender of victims | Girls |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | Killed: 12, 15, 16 Raped: 11, 13, 15 |
| Method of killing | Strangulation/Suffocation, he would strangle them with his hands, a rope or drown them. |
| Type of serial killer | Organized Lust |
| How close did killer live? | All lived within 2 hours of his home. He would stalk them and learn their daily routines. He kidnapped them from their own homes. |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | Yes, would bring them back to his house after kidnapping them. |
| Weapon | Brought a .25 semi-automatic handgun with him, used a rope or his hands to strangle the victim, used blue fuzzy handcuffs to restrain his victims, and had a homemade wooden  restraining device to keep the girls in spread eagle position. |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | Yes, he restrained them, shaved their pubic hair and then raped them for hours. |
| Stalked victims? | Yes, would watch and learn their after school routine and then kidnap them after school right from their front yard. |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | Yes, blue fuzzy handcuffs, homemade wooden apparatus |
| 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? | Would put the victim’s outer clothes back on |
| Took totem – body part | No |
| Took totem – personal item | Yes, had a lockbox with the girls’ possessions in it including underwear, news paper clippings, notes about murders, and child pornography. |
| Robbed victim or location | No |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | Yes, dumped the victims bodies into nearby water sources |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | June 27, 2002. He was never arrested but was cornered by the police and when the police dog attacked him he shot and killed himself. |
| Date convicted | Never convicted, killed himself before they could arrest him |
| Sentence | None |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | No |

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| Name and state of prison | No |
| Killer committed suicide? | Yes, shot himself in the head |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | June 27, 2002 |
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