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| Leonard Fraser *“The Bad Seed”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 06/27/1951 | 0 | Born to George and Agnes Fraser | |
| 1966 | 15 | Stole gearbox from a parked car and was reprimanded by authorities. | |
| 1966 | 15 | Sent to “boys home” where he was sodomized by older inmates, and he sodomized younger imamates. | |
| 1968 | 18 | Graduated from the “boys home” | |
| 12/19/1968 | 18 | Charged with assaulting and beating a railway station attendant for making a comment about Fraser’s girlfriend. | |
| 1970 | 20 | Convicted for driving without license and street fighting. He abused prescription drugs, street drugs and alcohol. | |
| 02/09/1971 | 20 | Jailed for 20 months for stealing a car; he only served ½ of that. | |
| 1971 | 20 | In Townsville, he was sentenced to 9 months in jail for driving a stolen car. While in jail he had aggressive behavior. | |
| October, 1972 | 21 | Released from jail. | |
| 10/17/1972 | 21 | Had argument with roommate so he went to Botanical Gardens in Sydney. There he stalked and beat and 37 year old French tourist to unconsciousness. He tore underwear and pantyhose off and raped so bad she was unable to conceive. At the hospital fresh sperm was found. | |
| 12/4/1972 | 22 | Jailed 5 years (no parole for 18 months) for assault, armed robbery, and living off of prostitution wages. | |
| 7/111973 | 23 | Twisted victim’s arm, and raped her; this was his “calling card” | |
| 7/171973 | 23 | Attempted rape but was unsuccessful. | |
| 7/20/1973 | 23 | Attempted rape, woman raised alarm; Fraser left his wallet. | |
| July, 1973 | 23 | Confessed to last three sex attacks. Represented himself at trial (rape assault and intent to | |

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|  |  | commit rape). Received a sentence of 21 years. | |
| 1981 | 30 | After serving seven years, he was paroled. | |
| July 1982 | 31 | Grandparents died in a tragic car accident. Fraser was very close to his grandmother. | |
| 08/02/1982 | 31 | Spent two months in jail for aggravated assault. | |
| 09/17/1982 | 31 | Returns to live with his parents at Hays Point. | |
| 1982-1985 | 31-34 | While living with parents, he meets Pearl Rigby (a 26 year old single mom). Fraser worked as a full time Queensland Railings ganger, co-workers nicknamed “animal” for partying. Moved into a 2 bedroom flat. He was a step father to her 9 year old son and then they had a daughter together. | |
| 07/30/1985 | 35 | Fraser stalks Lisa. Rapes her on the beach. He asks for oral sex, but prematurely ejaculates. Rapes anyway. Lisa goes to the police. | |
| October 1985 | 35 | Given 12 years in jail for Lisa’s rape. | |
| 1987 | 37 | 2 years into his sentence, calms down because he meets a woman, Betty. Relationship ended when he didn’t receive parole. | |
| 1989 | 39 | Active in the prison drug trade. | |
| Oct 1996 | 45 | Allowed to fly to Brisbane for father’s funeral, returned to jail unaccompanied. | |
| 01/07/1997 | 46 | Released from jail after serving only 12 years. | |
| Mid -1997 | 46 | Meets Marie Chivers who was a pen pal during jail. She also has cancer. He locked her within a hospital chapel and raped her. She died in 1997. | |
| 03/07/1997 | 46 | Living off of unemployment wages and living in a hostel. | |
| 1997-1998 | 46-47 | Lived in Mount Morgan and raped up to 16 females. | |
| Mid - 1998 | 47 | Moves in with Crissie Wraight. He beats her, demands sex, and tortures her. He also has sex with animals. | |
| November 1998 | 47 | Rapes mentally ill girl. | |
| November 1998 | 47 | Moves with Crissie to North Rockhamptom. | |
| August 1998 | 47 | Disappearance of Natasha Ryan. | |
| 12/28/1998 | 47 | Kills, rapes, decapitates Julie Dawn Turner. | |
| 03/01/1999 | 49 | Beverly Doreen Leggo disappears after previously meeting with Fraser in his hostel. | |
| 04/17/1999 | 49 | Sylvia Maria Benedetti disappears. On April 28, police find a massive amount of her blood in a hotel. | |
| 04/22/1999 | 49 | Keyra Steinhardt goes missing. 2 weeks later Fraser confesses to the rape and murder of her. Her throat was slit. | |
| 05/07/1999 | 49 | Fraser is charged with the rape and murder of Keyra Steinhardt. | |
| 11/09/2000 | 49 | Fraser is sentenced to an indefinite life sentence. | |
| 05/09/2003 | 51 | Convicted of 3 murders and one charge of manslaughter (Julie Turner). | |
| 06/13/2003 | 51 | Sentenced to 3 indefinite life terms in jail. | |
| 01/01/2007 | 55 | died in his sleep in the secure unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital | |
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| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 4 confirmed |
| Country where killing occurred | | | Australia |
| States where killing occurred | | | Queensland |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Rockhampton |
| Type of killer | | | Disorganized serial killer |
| Height | | | 141 centimeters |

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| **Childhood Information** | |
| Date of birth | June 27, 1951 |
| Location | Ingham, Queensland |
| Birth order | 4th out of 5 |
| Number of siblings | 4 |
| XYY? | No |
| Raised by | Both parents until 15 when put into a boys home |
| Birth category | Third boy |
| Parent’s marital status | Married |
| Family event | No divorce |
| Age of family event | No real family event. He thought he witnessed his younger brother being killed, but it turns out he was never there to witness it. |
| Problems in school? | Could not focus and could not sit still, schoolwork was poor, dropped out of second year high school at age 14 |
| Teased while in school? | No |
| Physically attractive? | Average |
| Physical defect? | No |
| Speech defect? | No |
| Head injury? | No |
| Physically abused? | Father used to beat him |
| Psychologically abused? |  |
| Sexually abused? | He was not sexually abused until he went to the boys’ home. Where he was sodomized by all the other “inmates” |
| Father’s occupation | WWII veteran of Scottish heritage, worked for the Forestry Department |
| Age of first sexual experience | First sexual experience was in boys home with the inmates; he was sodomized and also sodomized the younger boys |
| Age when first had intercourse | Age 16 – Sonia |
| Mother’s occupation |  |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 2nd year of high school |
| Highest degree | None |
| Grades in school | N/A – Fraser had a hard time focusing |
| IQ |  |
| Source of IQ information |  |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | No |
| Branch | No |
| Type of discharge | No |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? |  |
| Types of jobs worked | Odd jobs such as mowing lawns and driving children to school for petrol and beer money. |
| Employment status during series | He was working on and off again “odd” jobs. |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Straight but nicknamed ‘Homo’ |
| Marital status | Engaged but never married |

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| Number of children | Father to one child, step father to another |
| Lives with his children | Lived with his children until jail. |
| Living with | Bought a 2-bedroom flat with fiancé and stepson (then had daughter), moved in with many “girlfriends” |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Yes |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | N/A |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes, involved in the prison drug ring |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | In prison |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | Psychopath |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Aggregated assault, illegal drug use, theft, |
| Spend time in jail? | Yes |
| Spend time in prison? | Yes |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | Says he had killed before series. Can also include the death of Keyra as prior to series killing. Keyra was killed when Leonard was 47 years old. |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 4 |
| Victim type | Child, young women, strangers, people who are alone |
| Killer age at start of series | 47 |
| Date of first kill in series | August 31, 1998 |
| Date of final kill in series | April 1999 |
| Gender of victims | Female |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 9,19, 36, 39 |
| Type of victim | Females |
| Method of killing | Stab wounds, strangulation, blow to the head |
| Weapon | Knife |
| 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 | Disorganized |
| How close did killer live? | Walking distance |
| Location of first contact | Raped a tourist in Sydney's Botanical Gardens |
| Location of killing | Queensland Australia and areas surrounding |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Some were abducted, some were killed at first opportunity to strike |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | Sometimes |
| Overkill? | Yes |
| Quick & efficient? | No |

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| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | No |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | Yes |
| Mutilated body? | No |
| Ate part of the body? | No |
| Drank victim’s blood? | No |
| Posed the body? | No |
| Took totem – body part | Pony tails |
| Took totem – personal item | Stolen underwear |
| Robbed victim or location | Not during his serial killing, did rob once during rape |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | Yes |
| Left at scene, buried | Yes |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | Yes |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, to home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | July 13, 2001 |
| Date convicted | June 14, 2003 |
| Sentence | 4 Indefinite life sentences |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Wolston Correctional Center at Wacol in Brisbane |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | January 1, 2007 |
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