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| David Allen Gerard | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 11/23/1962 | 0 | Born in Aberdeen, Washington | |
| 1967 | 4 | Parents divorce | |
| ~1976 | ~13 | Drops out of school (8th grade) | |
| 1983 |  | Remains of Carin Conner (19) found. | |
| 01/25/1984 | 21 | Connie Rolls (20) is reported missing. | |
| 09/11/1984 | 21 | Gerard is arrested by the Hoquiam Police Department for assaulting his younger brother. His brother decided not to press charges. | |
| 09/1985 |  | Connie Rolls’ skull is found by mushroom hunters. | |
| 09/29/1985 | 22 | Roberta Strasbaugh (18) is reported missing. | |
| 10/18/1985 | 22 | Strasbaugh’s body is found by mushroom hunters | |
| 1986 |  | Gerard’s mother dies | |
| 10/26/1988 | 25 | Tracy West (17) is reported missing. Her remains were found a year later. | |
| 10/17/1989 | 26 | Remains of Tracy West are found by a hunter. | |
| 02/06/1991 | 28 | Kills Elaine “Brooke” McCollum (33) | |
| 1992 |  | Gerard’s father dies | |
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| 09/17/1992 | 29 | Misty Copsey (14) is reported missing | |
| 02/07/1993 | 30 | Copsey’s clothes are found in the woods but no body is found | |
| 02/15/1995 | 32 | Kills former girlfriend Patty Rodriguez (34); her sons, Matthew (8), & Joshua (6); and her mother, Patricia McDonnell (66). Attempts to hide the evidence by burning down their house. Gerard is interviewed by police but not arrested. | |
| 09/27/1996 |  |  | |
| 08/02/1996 | 33 | Kills Carol Leighton | |
| 09/27/1996 | 33 | Gerard is arrested for soliciting an undercover officer posing as a prostitute | |
| 08/03/1996 | 33 | Body of Carol Leighton found. | |
| 1997 | 34 | Linked to McCollum and Leighton, and becomes suspect in Tracy West murder (1988) | |
| 03/17/1999 | 36 | Attempted murder of Frankie Cochran; arrested. | |
| 04/30/1999 | 36 | Gerard signs written confession for the attempted murder of Frankie Cochran | |
| 07/19/1999 | 36 | Gerard is sentenced to 37 years in prison for the attempted murder of Cochran | |
| 09/22/1999 | 36 | Gerard’s DNA is matched to DNA found at the Leighton murder scene | |
| 05/23/2000 | 37 | Gerard’s appeal to overturn his attempted murder conviction is denied by the | |

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|  |  | Washington State Court of Appeals | |
| 08/19/2004 | 41 | Charged with the second-degree murder of Leighton | |
| 08/30/2004 | 41 | Gerard pleads not guilty to the murder of Leighton | |
| 02/09/2005 | 42 | Gerard enters an Alford Plea in the death of Leighton | |
| 2005 | 42 | Sentenced to 17 years for Leighton case | |
| 2008 | 45 | Gerard is transferred to North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre, Oklahoma due to overcrowding in the Washington State prisons | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 11 suspected, 2 convicted, none confessed to |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Washington |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Grays Harbor County |
| Type of killer | | |  |
| Height and description | | | 5’11”, 220 lbs, blonde hair, green eyes |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | 11/23/1962 |
| Location | | | Aberdeen, WA |
| Birth order | | | Unknown |
| Number of siblings | | | Unknown |
| XYY? | | | Unknown |
| Raised by | | | Mother |
| Birth category | | | Oldest male |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Divorced |
| Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage? | | | No |
| Did serial killer spend time in a foster home? | | | No |
| Was serial killer ever raised by a relative? | | | No |
| Did serial killer ever live with adopted family? | | | No |
| Did serial killer live with a step-parent? | | | No |
| Family event | | | Divorce |
| Age of family event | | | 4 |
| Problems in school? | | | He was a bully in school, didn't like school |
| Teased while in school? | | | No |
| Physically attractive? | | | No |
| Physical defect? | | | No |
| Speech defect? | | | No |
| Head injury? | | | No |
| Physically abused? | | | Allegedly by mother |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Allegedly by mother |
| Sexually abused? | | | Unknown |
| Father’s occupation | | | Unknown |
| Age when first had intercourse | | | Unknown |
| Mother’s occupation | | | Unknown |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | | | Unknown |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | | | Unknown |
| **Cognitive Ability** | | | |
| Highest grade in school | | | 8 |
| Highest degree | | | None |
| Grades in school | | | Low |
| IQ | | | Low, as indicated by court documents |

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| **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? | Unknown |
| Types of jobs worked | Low-income |
| Employment status during series | Unemployed |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Single |
| Number of children | 0 |
| Lives with his children | N/A |
| Living with | Girlfriends, self |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | Unknown |
| Fire setting | Unknown |
| Bed wetting | Unknown |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)? | No |
| Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)? | No |
| Diagnosis | N/A |
| **Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | DUIs, public drunkenness, nuisance crimes, theft, domestic violence (brother) |
| Spent time in jail? | Yes |
| Spent time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims (suspected of) | 6-10 |
| Number of victims (confessed to) | 0 |
| Number of victims (convicted of) | 1 |
| Victim type | Prostitutes, girlfriends |
| Killer age at start of series | 28 |
| Killer age at end of series | 36 |
| Date of first kill in series | 02/06/91 |
| Date of final kill in series | 03/17/97 (attempted) |
| Gender of victims | Female; 2 male |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 6, 8, 17, 31, 33, 34, 41, 66 |
| Type of victim | Prostitutes, girlfriends |
| Method of killing | Arson, assault with hammer, running over with vehicle, stabbing |
| Weapon | Found on scene |

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| Was gun used? | No |
| Type |  |
| Did killer have a partner? | No |
| Name of partner |  |
| Sex of partner |  |
| Relationship of partner |  |
| Type of serial killer | Organized lust |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime |
| Location of first contact | Local taverns and bars |
| Location of killing | Victim's home, streets |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | Yes |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | No |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Unknown |
| Tortured victims? | Yes |
| Stalked victims? | Unknown |
| Overkill? | Yes |
| Quick & efficient? | No |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | No |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | Unknown |
| 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 | Unknown |
| Robbed victim or location | Unknown |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | Yes |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, hidden | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Burned body | Yes |
| Dumped body in lake, river, etc. | No |
| Moved, took home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | March 17, 1999 |
| Date convicted | 2004 |
| Sentence | Life, 420 months |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Did serial killer confess? | No |
| Name and state of prison | North Fork – OK; Clallam Bay – WA; Connell – WA |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |

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| Date of death | N/A |
| Cause of death | N/A |
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