

**Carroll Edward Cole**  
*“Eddie”*



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Life Event</b>
05-09-38	0	Born in Sioux City Iowa.
1939	1	Birth of sister; family moved to Richmond, California; father drafted to serve in World War II.
1943	5	Mother made him go to unfamiliar apartment while she engaged in drunken sex; afterward, at home she beat him, twisted his arm, and threatened him to ensure he would not reveal her transgressions.
1945	7	Beatings by mother stopped due to Carroll entering first grade & father returning home from war; playmates began teasing him for his girly name; blacked out & awoke to find he had strangled the family's puppy; began to fantasize about killing his mother & females that would cross his path.
1946	8	After swimming at Richmond's yacht harbor with a group of boys he waited until schoolmate Duane was alone and held him under water until he died. Duane was one of the peers to tease Carroll for his name.
February 1953	14	Ranked genius on an IQ test with a score of 152 but his grades were an average of D+; by high school he was burglarizing liquor stores and drinking heavily; dropped out of school the middle of his junior year.
1956-1957	18	Worked briefly at Richmond factory
February 1957	18	Joined Navy
1957	18	Drinking & theft of Government property got him time in military brig.
10-04-58	20	San Diego arrest on suspicion of burglary and auto theft got him discharged; returned to the home of his parents in Richmond; mother would abuse him by rubbing his nose at failures.
1958-1960	20	Remained with his family; worked odd jobs; various minor arrests.
06-01-60	22	Approached tow couples in a parked car at lover's lane and attacked them with a hammer.
06-28-60	22	Convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to 30 days on the county work farm.
January 1961	22	Flagged down a Richmond police car and told patrolman of his urges to rape and strangle woman; the officer suggested voluntary self committal to a mental hospital.

02-02-61	22	Entered Napa State Hospital for 90 days observation and treatment; admitted to a happy childhood and refused to discuss the bad aspects of his life.
03-21-61	22	The hospital staffs made a diagnosis of Antisocial Sociopath Personality Disturbance and recommended he be discharged then apply for outside psychiatric treatment or voluntary admission to Atascadero State Hospital due to his sadistic, abnormal sexual tendencies.
03-25-61	22	Released from Napa.
July 1961	23	While serving six-month sentence for auto he requested psychiatric help.
10-06-61	23	Judge Raymond Coughlin signed the committal order.
10-16-61	23	Entered Atascadero State Hospital; Dr. Irwin Hart diagnosed him as a passive dependent person with a façade of independence and confusion concerning sexual identification.
09-12-62	24	Transferred to Stockton State Hospital for further testing and treatment; Dr. I.I. Weiss noted that he seems to be afraid of the female figure and cannot have intercourse with her first but must kill her before doing so; Weiss diagnosed Cole's condition as a schizophrenic reaction of the chronic undifferentiated type.
04-19-63	24	Released with an indefinite leave.
May 1963	25	Mother bought bus ticket and he headed to Dallas Texas to stay with his brother; brother spent next weeks showing him around.
07-15-63	25	Attempted suicide with pills after a failed attempt to strangle a woman and spent four days in a psychiatric ward.
November 1963	25	Married Neville "Billy" Whitworth, an alcoholic stripper.
August 1965	27	Convinced that Billy was partaking in sexual acts with men at the motel where they lived he set the motel on fire.
08-19-65	27	Indicted for arson.
March 1966	27	Convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment.
01-05-67	28	Released and began drifting.
April 1967	28	Oklahoma City Court fined him \$20 for vagrancy by pimping
May 1967	29	Invaded the bedroom of an eleven year old girl in Lake Ozark, Missouri and tried to strangle her in her sleep; plead guilty to a reduced charge and received a five-year prison term.
05-01-70	31	Paroled and drifted back to San Diego, then to Reno, Nevada where he twice attempted to strangle women in bars but both potential victims escaped.
09-19-70	32	Surrendered to Reno police and confessed his urges to murder women; was detained and charged with disorderly conduct.
09-23-70	32	Committed to a state hospital at Sparks Nevada; Dr. Felix Peebles diagnosed him with antisocial personality with alcoholism and compulsion to strangle and rape attractive woman
19-13-70	32	Dr. Peebles recanted his diagnosis and said Cole was a highly manipulative man who is utilizing his difficulties with the law and his threats of violence in order to acquire shelter when he is out of funds; discharged and placed on a bus for Los Angeles where he was to switch buses and go home to San Diego.
05-07-71	32	Met and strangled Essie Buck and left her in his trunk overnight.
05-09-71	33	Discarded Essie on his 33 <sup>rd</sup> birthday.
05-23-71	33	Met and strangled a woman only known as Wilma; he buried her corpse somewhere outside of San Ysidro (it remains undiscovered).
05-30-71	33	Strangled a third unknown victim.
June 1971	33	Served time for theft and drunk driving.
March 1972	33	Released from prison.
Unknown Date	33	After driving to San Ysidro, he picked up two unknown women and killed one with a hammer and the other was strangled; they were both buried in the desert never to be found.
Summer of 1972	34	Met and moved in with a barmaid named Diana Pashal; neither were monogamous to each other.

July 1973	35	Married Diana.
August 1974	36	Moved from San Diego to Las Vegas to begin a new life after many infidelities.
Unknown Date	36	Found job transporting coins from a local airport to the nearby casinos; the temptation was too much and he stole an entire shipment of coins; fled to Wyoming leaving Diana back in Vegas.
August 1975	37	Met Myrlene "Teepee" Hamer; after a night of partying she suggested sex; he strangled her and left her on a hillside covered by an old sleeping bag.
08-09-75	37	Myrlene's body was found; he fled the state the next day.
Unknown Date	37	Went to detoxification center; stole a fellow patient's \$1500 check and cashed it.
June 1976	38	Charged with mail theft and jumped bail; was captured a short time later with the charge of unlawful flight.
February 1977	38	Sentenced to 1 year in prison.
05-14-77	39	Police recovered the body Kathleen Blum, a prostitute he had strangled and dumped in a stranger's backyard.
07-19-77	39	Jailed for car theft in Vegas; he made bail then made his way to Oklahoma City.
Night before Thanksgiving, 1977	39	Met a woman at a topless bar and agreed to spend the night with her; woke to find the woman dead in his bathtub and remnants of her feet and arm in his refrigerator; her buttock was found in a skillet on the stove; the body was collected and dumped into the city dump (so he claims).
03-08-78	39	Received a 6 month sentence plus 3 years probation.
06-16-78	40	Freed from jail he reunited with Diana.
10-25-78	40	Arrested for being drunk and also charged with a probation violation; released on \$2000 bond.
11-08-78	40	Arrested on unknown charges that were never reported to his probation officer.
08-27-79	41	Met and strangled Bonnie Sue O'Neil after a night of sex when she mentioned that she had to call her husband; he dumped her body into a garbage can outback.
09-19-79	41	Strangled Diana; wrapped her in blankets and stuffed her into a closet; a neighbor called the police 8 days later after she had spotted him digging a grave in his crawlspace; her death was later ruled as alcohol poisoning.
Unknown Date	41	Returned to Vegas and found work as a truck driver for a religious charity.
11-03-79	41	Killed Marie Cushman in the Casbah Hotel and left her body in the room for the maid to find.
12-16-79	41	Married a female coworker; while on their honeymoon they were pulled over and he was found to not have a valid drivers license so after a name check a warrant was pulled up for parole violations; he ended up in the Medical Canter for Federal prisoners.
10-04-80	42	Released and bussed to Dallas.
January 1984	45	Informed of mother's death.
02-15-84	45	Nevada formally announced the intent to extradite him and tri him on capital murder charges.
03-30-84	45	Waived extradition.
04-09-84	45	Sent to Las Vegas.
08-16-84	46	Appeared before Judge Myron Leavitt and plead guilty to 2 counts of first degree murder.
10-12-84	46	His penalty hearing convened before three judges and the panel sentenced him to death.
11-6-84	46	Transferred from Las Vegas to Nevada's State Prison.
12-6-85	47	Cole was executed by lethal injection.

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White

Number of victims	13 (convicted of five, admitted to as many as 35)
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	California, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming
Type of killer	Missionary
Height	5'6"
<b>Childhood Information</b>	
Date of birth	May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1938
Location	Sioux City, Iowa
Birth order	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3
Number of siblings	2
XYY?	No
Raised by	Both parents, mostly mother
Birth category	Middle
Parent's marital status	Married; mother not monogamous
Family event	Mother begins having extramarital affairs
Age of family event	5
Problems in school?	Yes
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	Yes
Psychologically abused?	Yes
Sexually abused?	Yes
Father's occupation	Worked in a shipping yard, was in the military
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	No
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Yes, alcohol
<b>Cognitive Ability</b>	
Highest grade in school	10 <sup>th</sup>
Highest degree	None
Grades in school	D+ average
IQ	152
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Navy
Type of discharge	Dishonorable
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Various odd jobs (warehouse, factory, truck driver)
Employment status during series	Various odd jobs
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Remarried (married three times total)
Number of children	None
Lives with his children	N/A

Living with	N/A
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	Yes
Fire setting	Yes
Bed wetting	No
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	Yes
Diagnosis	Diagnosed/re-diagnosed numerous times as Anti-social, Schizophrenic Reaction, Undifferentiated Type, Malingerer
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	Yes; 8
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	13 substantiated (could be as many as 35)
Victim type	Prostitutes & Married Women
Killer age at start of series	32
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	Mostly Caucasian, some Mexican, one Native American
Age of victims	Varied
Method of killing	Strangulation
Type of serial killer	Missionary
How close did killer live?	Walking distance
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Some
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	No weapon
<b>Behavior During Crimes</b>	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
<b>After Death Behavior</b>	
Sex with the body?	Some victims
Mutilated body?	Allegedly, but unproven
Ate part of the body?	Allegedly, but unproven
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
<b>Disposal of Body</b>	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Some victims
Left at scene, hidden	Some victims
Left at scene, buried	Some victims (allegedly)

Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	Some victims (allegedly)
Cut-up and disposed of	Some victims (allegedly)
Moved, too home	No
<b>Sentencing</b>	
Date killer arrested	November 30, 1980
Date convicted	October 12, 1984
Sentence	Death
Killer executed?	Yes
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Nevada State Prison
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	December 6, 1985
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