

Colin Pitchfork
“Black Pad Killer”



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Date	Age	Life Event
1961	0	Colin Pitchfork was born in Bristol, UK. He was the second of three children.
1979	18	Arrested for indecent exposure to young girls
1981	20	Got married to Carole
1981	20	Psychiatric counseling at the Woodlands
1983	22	First son was born
11/21/1983	22	Killed 15 year old Lynda Mann
1985	24	Arrested again for indecent exposure to young girls
January ,1986	25	Second son was born
07/31/1986	25	Killed 15 year old Dawn Ashworth
September , 1987	26	It was discovered that Ian Kelly had given blood for Colin Pitchfork
09/19/1987	26	Was convicted of the crime
01/21/1988	27	Sentenced to double life in prison

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	2
Country where killing occurred	England
States where killing occurred	Leicestershire
Cities where killing occurred	Narborough
Type of killer	Murder by strangulation and sexual assault
Height	

Childhood Information

Date of birth	1961
Location	Born in Bristol, Lived in Leicestershire
Birth order	Second born out of 3
Number of siblings	2
XYY?	
Raised by	Older sister younger brother, raised by his parents
Birth category	Middle Child
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	
Teased while in school?	Yes – because he had matured much more quickly than others
Physically attractive?	decently
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	Neglected by parents for affection
Psychologically abused?	Parents neglected him emotionally, favoring the other children over him
Sexually abused?	N/A
Father's occupation	Miner in Chesterfield
Age of first sexual experience	
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	Housewife
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	
Highest degree	
Grades in school	
IQ	
Source of IQ information	
Work History	
Served in the military?	No
Branch	
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	Volunteer at Dr. Barnardo's Children's Home, Hampshire's Bakery as a Baker
Employment status during series	Was known for making amazing cakes
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	Two boys
Lives with his children	Yes, lived with his children
Living with	Carol, His wife, once he got married in 1981
Triad	
Animal torture	
Fire setting	

Bed wetting	
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	
Abused alcohol?	
Been to a psychologist?	1981, attended psychiatric counseling at Carlton Hayes Hospital (The Woodlands)
Time in forensic hospital?	Outpatient program, not institutionalized
Diagnosis	
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Indecent exposure to young girls
Spend time in jail?	Only assigned to probation for his crimes
Spend time in prison?	Not until convicted for the serial killings.
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	Two
Victim type	Young girls
Killer age at start of series	Twenty-Two years old
Date of first kill in series	November 11, 1983
Date of final kill in series	July 31, 1986
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Both were 15 years old
Type of victim	Young school girls who walked on footpaths in England
Method of killing	Strangulation by force
Weapon	No weapon
Was gun used?	No gun used
Type	No gun used
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	
Type of serial killer	Murderer by type of Strangulation
How close did killer live?	Lived in the same town as the young girls
Location of first contact	The night of the murder
Location of killing	Narborough, England/ Leicestershire, England
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Killed and raped at contact
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Rape and Sexual Assault
Tortured victims?	Dawn put up a fight and her body was severely bruised and battered.
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Lynda Mann was strangled quickly then raped.
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Yes, both women
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	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	
Left at scene, hidden	Hidden behind bushes and under leaves
Left at scene, buried	
Moved, no attempt to hide	
Moved, buried	
Cut-up and disposed of	
Moved, too home	
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	September 19, 1987
Date convicted	January 22, 1988 Life in Prison
Sentence	Double life in Prison
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	Plead Guilty
Was the NGRI plea successful?	Yes plus with the match of DNA
Name and state of prison	Unable to find information.
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still serving his prison sentence

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- Most of the information we gathered was concerning the actual crimes committed – we were unable to find barely any biographical information concerning his past.