

Kristen H. Gilbert



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Date	Age	Life Event
11-13-1967	0	Born in Fall River, Massachusetts as Kristen Heather Strickland
1974	7	Younger sister Tara Morgan was born
Early 80's	--	Family moved to Groton, MA
Early 80's	--	Kristen showed signs of being a pathological liar, according to friends, neighbors, and father – often made the unfounded claim she was related to murderer Lizzie Borden
1984	16	Graduated high school a year and a half early, with high honors
1984	16	Enrolled in Bridgewater State College with a major in pre-med
1985	17	Developed a pattern of verbal and physical abuse towards boyfriends and ex-boyfriends
Summer, 86	19	Met future husband Glenn Gilbert
6-87	20	Transferred to Wachusett Community College, then to Greenfield Community College, to be closer to Glenn (both schools in Massachusetts)
1987	20	Took a job as a home health aide with the Visiting Nurses Association of Franklin County. Used bathwater to scold a retarded child over 60% of his body. Was not prosecuted
1-88	21	Eloped and Married Glenn Gilbert (became Kristen Gilbert)
2-88	21	Chased her husband Glenn around the house with a butcher knife after an argument
1988	21	Graduated from Greenfield Community College with a diploma in nursing
03-06-1989	22	Became employed as a nurse at Leeds Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Massachusetts
1990	23	A pattern began to emerge of an unusually large number of deaths in Ward C, during Gilbert's work shift there. One doctor refused to let her treat anymore of his patients.
1990	23	Kristen Gilbert was jokingly given the name "Angel of Death" by her co-workers, because so many people dropped dead while in her care
1991	24	Gave birth to her first son, Brian
2-14-9?	??	Claimed she received a bomb threat at the hospital, and then coincidentally found a strange box after police found nothing. The entire ward was evacuated for hours
11-13-1993	26	Gave birth to her second son, Raymond, on her own birthday
1994	26	Met James Perrault, a security guard at the hospital, and began an affair with him
1995	27	Marriage between Kristen and Glenn began to fall apart

08-21-1995	27	Kills patient, Stanley Jagodowski (WM, 66)
11-01-1995	27	Perrault rented an apartment in Easthampton, to be closer to Gilbert
11-95	27	Gilbert moved out of her house to an apartment complex on Northampton Street
12-08-1995	28	Kills patient, Henry Hudon (WM, 35)
12-20-1995	28	Kristen Gilbert filed for divorce from Glenn Gilbert
02-02-1996	28	Kills patient, Kenny Cutting (WM, 41)
02-17-1996	28	Three nurses, John Wall, Kathy Rix, and Renee Walsh, came forward about concerns and accusations against Gilbert. Police investigation began on Gilbert
02-18-1996	28	Kills patient, Edward Skwira (WM, 68)
07-10-1996	28	Gilbert confessed to killing patients during a phone call she made to Perrault
07-12-1996	28	Perrault acquired a restraining order against Gilbert
07-16-1996	28	Perrault, summoned to a Grand Jury, testified against Gilbert
08-15-1996	28	Glenn Gilbert asked investigators to come to his house and search a pantry which had belonged to Kristen. Inside, investigators found "The Handbook of Poisoning"
08-20-1996	28	Gilbert was temporarily placed in a psychiatric ward in Arbour Hospital for the third time that month.
09-15-1996	28	Kristen appeared at Glenn Gilbert's house and attempted to attack him with car keys
09-26-1996	28	Gilbert called the Leeds VAMC hospital with a false bomb threat
09-30-1996	28	Court ordered Gilbert to be placed in Baystate Medical Center
10-08-1996	28	Gilbert was released from Baystate Medical Center and arrested
10-15-1996	28	Released from prison and ordered by court to live in Seatauket, Long Island, New York with her parents
11-02-1996	28	Indicted on felony charges for falsely phoning a bomb threat to a federal institution
11-27-1997	30	Last known victim Edward Skwira's body was exhumed to test for epinephrine
01-07-1998	30	Trial began for Gilbert's false bomb threat
01-27-1998	30	Gilbert was found guilty of falsely phoning a bomb threat to a federal institution. She was thought to have phoned this threat to divert attention away from the murder investigation against her. She was sentenced to fifteen months at Danbury Federal Prison and treated for psychiatric problems. There she served her sentence while awaiting the start of her murder trial
11-24-1998	31	Kristen Gilbert was officially indicted for murder
7-13-1998	31	Victim Stanley Jagodowski's remains were exhumed to test for epinephrine
02-15-1999	32	Gilbert was moved from her cell in Danbury to Hamden County House of Correction in Ludlow, MA. Gilbert remained there till the murder trial was finished
11-2000	32	Jury was chosen, consisting of nine women and three men to serve in Gilbert's trial
11-20-2000	33	Trial began for Kristen Gilbert's murders
01-23-2001	33	Glenn Gilbert testified against his ex-wife, and told the court that Kristen had confessed to the murders
02-23-2001	33	Deliberations for Government vs. Kristen Gilbert were underway. The case consisted of more than 70 witnesses and 200 pieces of evidence
03-14-2001	33	Gilbert was found guilty of three counts of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree murder, and two counts of attempted murder
03-27-2001	33	Jury sentenced Gilbert to 4 consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole, plus 20 years
5-2001	33	Gilbert was transferred from a federal prison for women in Framingham, MA, to a federal prison in Carswell, TX, where she has remained ever since
07-25-2003	35	Kristen Gilbert dropped her federal appeal for a new trial, due to a recent US Supreme Court ruling that would have allowed prosecutors to pursue the death penalty

General Information	
Sex	Female
Race	White
Number of victims	4 convictions, 2 convicted attempts, 40+ suspected
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Massachusetts
Type of killer	Organized, Angel of Death – Thrill, Power
Height	??
Childhood Information	
Date of birth	November 13, 1967
Location	Fall River, MA
Birth order	1 st of 2
Number of siblings	1
XYX?	No
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Oldest
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	None reported
Age of family event	--
Problems in school?	Vindictive and harassing to ex-boyfriends
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	No
Head injury?	None reported
Physically abused?	Claims her mother beat her
Psychologically abused?	Parents distant and unaffectionate
Sexually abused?	None reported
Father's occupation	Coast Guard serviceman, Electronics engineer
Age of first sexual experience	??
Age when first had intercourse	??
Mother's occupation	Substitute teacher
Father abused drugs/alcohol	None reported
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Claims her mother abused alcohol
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	12
Highest degree	College diploma in nursing
Grades in school	Very good
IQ	High
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?	None reported
Types of jobs worked	Home health aide, nurse
Employment status during series	Employed as a nurse at Leeds Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Massachusetts

Relationships	
Sexual preference	Hetero
Marital status	Married, then divorced
Number of children	2
Lives with her children	At start of series, then moved out
Living with	Husband Glenn Gilbert, then a separate apartment
Triad	
Animal torture	None reported
Fire setting	None reported
Bed wetting	None reported
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	??
Abused alcohol?	??
Been to a psychologist?	Treated for psychiatric problems while in prison
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	Borderline Personality Disorder
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes, false bomb threat called into a federal institution
Spend time in jail?	No
Spend time in prison?	Yes, served 15 months at Danbury Federal Prison
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	4 convicted murders, 2 convicted attempts, 40+ suspected
Victim type	Hospitalized Veterans
Killer age at start of series	23
Gender of victims	Male
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	35, 41, 69, 66
Method of killing	Used epinephrine to induce massive heart attacks
Type of serial killer	Organized, Angel of Death – Thrill, Power
How close did killer live?	Within a short driving distance of Leeds VAMC
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
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Weapon	Epinephrine obtained from the hospital stock and brought to the victims' rooms
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	No
Tortured victims?	No
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
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?	No
Took totem – body part	No

Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	Stole the epinephrine from the hospital at which she worked
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes, left in their hospital beds
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, to home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	July 11, 1996
Date convicted	March 14, 2001
Sentence	4 consecutive life sentences without parole, plus 20 years
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	--
Name and state of prison	Federal Medical Center in Carswell, TX
Killer committed suicide?	Attempted
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	--

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