



ANDREI CHIKATILO

"THE BUTCHER OF ROSTOV"

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## EARLY LIFE

- Andrei Chikatilo was born in 1936 in the Ukraine.
- His parents were small farmers, who were very poor. He was told that he had an older brother who was killed and eaten by starving neighbors. It is unknown if this claim is true or not.
- This claim inspired Andrei's interest in cannibalism, as well as the well-documented trend of cannibalism in Stalin's Ukraine due to commercialised farming. (Andrei claims that his family had to eat "the leaves off of trees" to survive during his childhood.)
- Chikatilo was often bullied by his peers in school because of his physical stature, thick glasses, and timid nature, as well as his bed-wetting until the age of 12.

# IMPOTENCE

- Possibly due to Hydrocephalus (water in the brain), Andrei had both urinary tract issues and impotence, wetting the bed until he was twelve.
- Due to his father's capture by Germany, both he and his father were labelled cowards, and this, his bed-wetting, his thick glasses, and his first sexual encounter with a girl at 15 (during which he overpowered his classmate and then ejaculated almost immediately) contributed to very much torment and bullying by both his peers and his mother.

## MILITARY

- Chikatilo served shortly in in the National Service of the Soviet Union before his arrest and after his first killing.

## LEGAL TROUBLES

- Was fired repeatedly for assaulting children in sexual manners.

## MODUS OPERANDI

- The Butcher targeted young men and women that were vagrants or runaways.
- He would befriend them at transport stations, then lure them into nearby forests or wooded areas where he would attempt rape and then mutilate the body with a work knife.
- During the mutilation, he would eat organs and remove the tips of noses, tongues, and ears, saving parts of the bodies (arms, fingers) to eat later.
- In the early cases, he spent large amounts of time on the eyes and surrounding area, slashing the eye sockets and removing the eyeballs.
- Chikatilo believed the victims' eyes would hold his image after death, and that would damn him.
- Later in his killings, he started focusing on young boys and killing in more high-profile locations, straying away from bus and train stations after his arrest.

## ARREST AND FORENSIC TECHNIQUES

- Was first arrested in 1984, after killing 15 more victims, for acting suspiciously at a train station.
- He was released after questioning because his blood type didn't match the type of the semen sample found at the scene of the first murder.
- Chikatilo evaded charges due to his being a non-secretor, a type of biological abnormality that only allows blood type to be garnered by a blood sample. The Police only had a semen sample, therefore the blood sample from Chikatilo did not match it. (Semen was AB, Andrei was A)
- Andrei Chikatilo was finally arrested again on November 20, 1990 for suspicious behavior. When he was arrested, the rotting human flesh in his digestive system gave off a rancid smell that tipped off investigators.
- After initially denying involvement in the crimes, the psychologist assigned to the case attempted to approach him from a research standpoint, which flattered the killer and prompted him to confess to 56 killings and even lead the police to previously undiscovered dump sites.

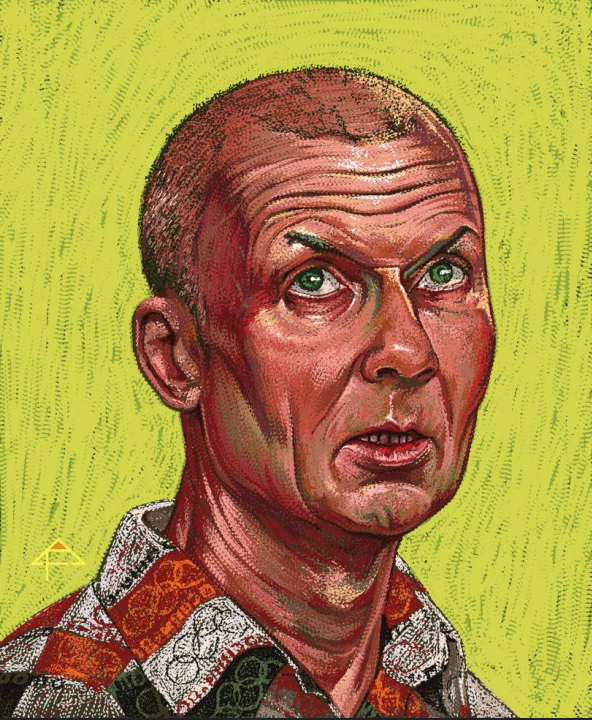
# TRIAL

- Chikatilo was declared sane to stand trial, and was kept in an iron cage during the proceedings to keep him from the family members of those he had killed and mutilated.
- He was called “the maniac”, yelling, humming, and exposing himself to the spectators, however he was declared sane and fit after an appeal by his defense attorneys and another evaluation, and was finally charged with 53 murders and sentenced to death.



## STATUS TODAY

- Chikatilo was executed by a shot to the back of the head in 1991.
- His final statement was *“DON’T BLOW MY BRAINS OUT! THE JAPANESE WANT TO BUY THEM!”*



THE "BUTCHER OF ROSTOV" OR THE "RED RIPPER"

