



John Wayne Gacy

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Background Information

- Born on March 17, 1942
- Raised Catholic
- Boy Scout
- When Gacy was 11, he was hit with a swing which caused a blood clot in his brain
- Diagnosed with a heart ailment at 17
- Dropped out of high school and worked as a janitor at a funeral home in Las Vegas
- Eventually enrolled and graduated from business school

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Military Services

- There are no military records connected to John Wayne Gacy.

Legal Troubles

- Charged with rape of Mark Miller in 1968
- Paroled after only 18 mo. after being described as a model prisoner
- Charged with disorderly conduct of a young boy
- House searched on December 13, 1978
- Admitted to the murder of 30 people on December 22
- Murder trial began on February 6, 1980
- Found “guilty” in his trial and sentenced to death
- Executed by lethal injection on May 9, 1994

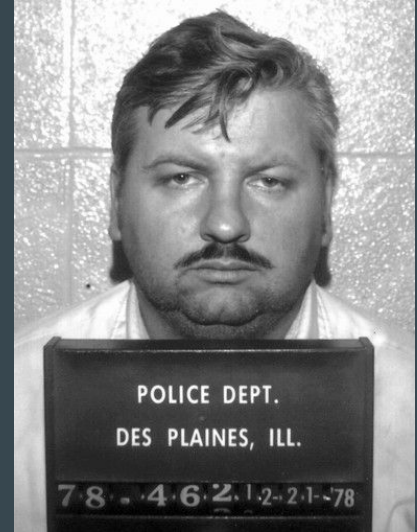
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Arrest Records

- December 21, 1978 John Wayne Gacy was arrested
- Investigators found human remains found in the crawl space
- Gacy confessed that he had committed approximately 30 murders since 1972.

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Forensic Techniques

Armed with a search warrant, investigators found several suspicious items:

- A 1975 high school class ring
- Other people's driver's licenses
- Handcuffs
- A syringe
- Clothing too small for Gacy
- A photo receipt from the pharmacy where the teenager had worked

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Status Today

- John Wayne Gacy was sent to the Menard Correctional Center to await execution
- Received the death penalty by lethal injection on May 9, 1994
- Went down in history as one of America's worst serial killers
- Convicted of the death of 33 people; the notoriety of being convicted of more murders than anybody else in American history

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