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## John Wayne Gacy

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# John Wayne Gacy

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**John Wayne Gacy** (March 17, 1942 – May 10, 1994) was an American [serial killer](#) and [sex offender](#) known as the **Killer Clown** who assaulted and murdered at least 33 young men and boys. Gacy regularly performed at children's hospitals and charitable events as "Pogo the Clown" or "Patches the Clown", personas he had devised. He was also active in his local community as a [Democratic Party precinct captain](#) and building contractor.

According to Gacy, all of his murders were committed inside his [ranch house](#) near [Norridge](#), a village in [Norwood Park Township, metropolitan Chicago, Illinois](#). Typically, he would lure a victim to his home, dupe him into donning [handcuffs](#) on the pretext of demonstrating a [magic trick](#), then rape and torture his captive before killing him by either [asphyxiation](#) or [strangulation](#) with a [garrote](#). Twenty-six victims were buried in the [crawl space](#) of his home, and three others were buried elsewhere on his property. Four were discarded in the [Des Plaines River](#).

Gacy was convicted of the [sodomy](#) of a teenage boy in [Waterloo, Iowa](#), in 1968 and was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, but served 18 months. He murdered his first victim in 1972, had murdered twice more by the end of 1975, and at least 30 subsequent victims were killed after his divorce from his second wife in 1976. The investigation into the disappearance of [Des Plaines](#) teenager Robert Piest led to Gacy's arrest on December 21, 1978.

His conviction for 33 murders was the most by one individual in United States history at the time. Gacy was sentenced to death on March 13, 1980. On death row at [Menard Correctional Center](#), he spent much of his time painting. He was executed by [lethal injection](#) at [Stateville Correctional Center](#) on May 10, 1994.

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The Chilling Story Of John Wayne Gacy, The Real-Life 'Killer Clown'

By day, John Wayne Gacy performed as "Pogo the Clown." By night, he murdered dozens of men and teenage boys.

On Jan. 2, 1972, 16-year-old Timothy McCoy got up early to make his host breakfast. He'd met John Wayne Gacy at the Chicago bus terminal the night before, and Gacy let him stay over while he made his way home to Iowa after spending Christmas in Michigan. McCoy got out eggs and bacon and set the table for two. Then, he walked up the stairs to wake Gacy, not realizing he hadn't put down the knife he'd been using.


What happened next would set the scene for the rest of Gacy's life. Not realizing the boy had intended no harm, Gacy stabbed him in the chest, killing him. He then buried his body in the crawlspace beneath his home and covered the grave with concrete.

Killing McCoy reportedly gave Gacy a "mind-numbing orgasm." The murder had allegedly been a mistake, but it instilled in Gacy "the ultimate thrill" that he would crave for the rest of his life.

Over the next six years, dozens more bodies would join Timothy McCoy's. And all the while, Gacy pretended to be an upstanding member of his community. He performed at parties and hospitals as "Pogo the Clown," but his penchant for murder was no joke. By the time he was caught, Gacy the "Killer Clown" had amassed 33 victims.

John Wayne Gacy Had A Secret, Tortured Past



John Wayne Gacy	
	
Gacy's <a href="#">mug shot</a> , taken December 22, 1978	
<b>Born</b>	March 17, 1942 <a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a> , U.S.
<b>Died</b>	May 10, 1994 (aged 52) <a href="#">Stateville Correctional Center, Crest Hill, Illinois</a> , U.S.
<b>Cause of death</b>	Execution by <a href="#">lethal injection</a>
<b>Other names</b>	The Killer Clown
<b>Height</b>	5 ft 9 in (175 cm) <sup>u</sup>
<b>Political party</b>	<a href="#">Democratic</a>
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Marlynn Myers  (m. 1964; div. 1969) Carole Hoff  (m. 1972; div. 1976)
<b>Children</b>	2
<b><a href="#">Conviction(s)</a></b>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 count of <a href="#">sodomy</a></li><li>• 33 counts of <a href="#">murder</a></li><li>• 1 count of <a href="#">sexual assault</a></li><li>• 1 count of <a href="#">indecent liberties with a child</a></li></ul></div>
<b>Criminal penalty</b>	<a href="#">Death</a> (12 counts)
<b>Details</b>	
<b>Victims</b>	33+
<b>Span of crimes</b>	1972–1978
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>State(s)</b>	Illinois
<b>Date apprehended</b>	December 21, 1978
<b>Imprisoned at</b>	<a href="#">Menard Correctional Center</a>

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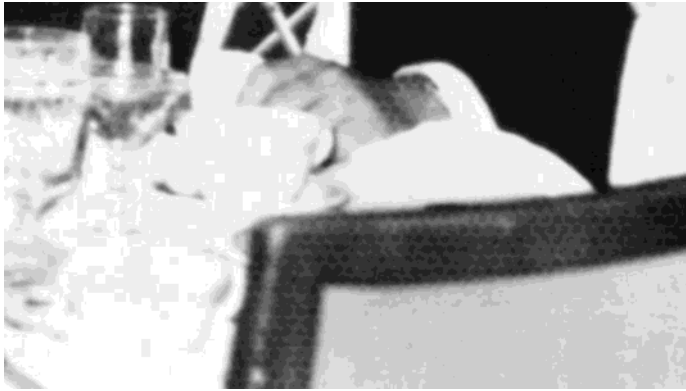


March 17, 1942 – May 10, 1994

To many people, John Wayne Gacy was a friendly man who loved to entertain young children. He frequently dressed up as his alter ego, Pogo the Clown, at parties that he hosted for his entire neighborhood. By 1978, public perception of Gacy would change forever, and he would earn the ominous nickname of "the Killer Clown".

The first warning sign about Gacy appeared in 1964, when he was found guilty of sodomizing two young boys. Gacy was arrested and spent 18 months in prison. By the time he was released, Gacy was divorced and decided to move to Chicago for a fresh start.

In Chicago, Gacy founded a successful construction business, attended church, re-married, and volunteered as the Democratic Precinct Captain in his area. During this time he threw elaborate block parties and built a solid reputation in his community. Gacy was respected and admired by friends, neighbors, and police officers.



Getty ImagesThe "Killer Clown" was a closeted gay man and unhappily married twice.

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Those who knew John Wayne Gacy would never have expected him to turn out as he had. Almost everyone who met him [described him](#) as a mild-mannered and likable man. For most of his life, he worked in customer service, first managing three of his father-in-law's KFC franchises, then starting his own construction business. His customers remembered him as kind, generous, and willing to help people out. He employed local teenagers in need of jobs and contributed heavily to his local Junior Chamber of Commerce. He even took time out of his weekends to dress up as a clown for kids' birthday parties.

However, as authorities would learn, something seriously disturbing had been inside him all along.

John Wayne Gacy was born in Chicago on March 17, 1942. His father had always despised him, called him a "sissy," and abused him from age four. He often berated the boy and whipped him with a belt. When Gacy was seven years old and a family friend molested him, he didn't tell anyone for fear of being beaten.



Wikimedia CommonsAn active member of his community in the 1970s, Gacy often attended political events. He's pictured here with First Lady Rosalynn Carter, just a few months before police discovered he'd murdered 33 people.

Early on, Gacy [realized](#) that he was gay. But during the 1950s, homosexuality was still taboo, so he pretended to be straight his entire life.

Gacy had a congenital heart condition that limited his physical activity and plagued him with lifelong obesity. He spent much of his youth in the hospital. When he was 11, doctors discovered that he had a blood clot in his brain. They were able to treat it, but even that didn't spare Gacy from his father's wrath.

Eventually, Gacy had enough of the abuse, and he picked up and moved out West. While working as a mortuary assistant in Las Vegas, Gacy slept on a cot behind the embalming room. One night, after observing the morticians embalming dead bodies, he crawled into a coffin with one. He laid in the coffin for a time, embracing and caressing the body, a teenage boy.

The event shocked him so much that he returned home and enrolled in business school, after just a few months in Vegas. He

in Chicago, Gacy founded a successful construction business, attended church, re-married, and volunteered as the Democratic Precinct Captain in his area. During this time he threw elaborate block parties and built a solid reputation in his community. Gacy was respected and admired by friends, neighbors, and police officers.

During July 1975, a teenager who worked for Gacy disappeared. His parent's pleaded with Chicago police officers to investigate Gacy, but they never did. This would not be the last time worried parents asked officials to review Gacy as a suspect, but the pleas fell on deaf ears. In 1976, Gacy divorced for a second time, and it seemed to give him a feeling of personal freedom. Unknown to anyone else at the time, Gacy began to rape and kill young men. Over a period of just a few years, he murdered 33 people, 29 of whom were found underneath Gacy's house — 26 in the crawlspace and 3 other bodies were found in other areas beneath his home.



A young man went to the Chicago police for help in 1977, claiming that he had been kidnapped and molested by John Wayne Gacy. A report was made, but officers failed to follow up on it. The following year, Gacy murdered a 15-year-old boy who had gone to Gacy's home to ask about a job with his construction company. This time, the Des Plaines police got involved and searched Gacy's home. They found a class ring, clothing for much smaller individuals, and other suspicious items. Upon further investigation, officers discovered that the ring belonged to a teenage boy who was missing, and they found a witness who claimed Gacy had admitted to killing up to 30 people.

Gacy was arrested, and used an insanity plea in the hopes of a not guilty verdict. The ruse did not work, and he was found guilty. On May 10, 1994, John Wayne Gacy was executed by [lethal injection](#).

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never told anyone about his night with the body in the morgue.  
The “Killer Clown” Tried To Have A Normal Life



Cook County Circuit CourtA tiki bar in Gacy's living room, where he regularly hosted neighborhood parties.

After graduating from Northwestern Business College, Gacy met Marlynn Myers, a coworker at a shoe company in Springfield, Illinois. The couple married in 1964 and Gacy took over the management of his father-in-law's Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises in Waterloo, Iowa, where they lived with Myers' parents. He and Myers had two children and what was seemingly a perfect life.

But in the meantime, Gacy tried to covertly satisfy his depravity. He [joined the Waterloo Jaycees](#), a group of businessmen who participated in wife swapping, prostitution, pornography, and drug abuse. He even opened a “club” in his own basement targeted at teenagers, where they could drink and play pool without getting in trouble.

“He often would build up trust with his victims, so they wouldn't need to be on guard,” Detective Sgt. Jason Moran of the Cook County sheriff's office [said years later](#). “He was their employer, their friend. He may have been someone who provided them with alcohol and drugs and maybe a place to sleep at night. That's an easy way to kill someone.”

Then, Gacy began to force some of these young men, including those he employed at KFC, to perform sexual acts with him. This would be his first downfall.



Wikimedia CommonsIn 1968, Gacy was arrested on charges of sexual coercion in the workplace.

It started in August 1967, when Gacy hired a 15-year-old Donald Voorhees — the son of a fellow member of the Jaycees — to do some house work for him. Gacy lured him into his basement, plied him with alcohol, and forced him to perform oral sex.

Voorhees kept quiet about the incident until March 1968, when he

told his father and spurred a criminal investigation into Gacy that destroyed the facade of a normal life he'd crafted.

A few months later, he paid a KFC employee \$300 to beat up Voorhees, hoping to scare him from testifying in court. But Voorhees escaped and reported the attempted beating, and the case against Gacy only escalated.

In December, Gacy pled guilty to oral sodomy. At that time, sexual relations between two people of the same sex was illegal in Iowa.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and was promptly served divorce papers from his wife, whom he would never see again.

But less than two years after his sentencing, John Wayne Gacy was granted parole for being a model prisoner.

During the short time he was incarcerated, Gacy managed to secure a raise for prison mess hall workers, increased membership of the prison Jaycees by 600, worked to improve conditions for prisoners, and oversaw the installation of a miniature golf course in the recreation yard.

He also pretended he was straight and that he hated "queers," in order to protect himself from the wrath of his fellow inmates.

He was given 12 months probation under the conditions that he moved back to Chicago to live with his mother and maintained a 10 p.m. curfew. He agreed and declared, "I'll never go back to jail."

### Gacy Lived In A House Of His Own Horrors

Months after his release, when he and his mother were living in Des Plaines, Illinois, Gacy lured a teenage boy into his house and tried to rape him. Gacy was charged with sexual assault, but the charges were dropped when the boy failed to show up to court.

Gacy had technically violated his parole, but somehow his parole officer was never aware of the episode. By 1971, Gacy had settled into a new [home](#) in Norwood Park, a neighborhood in northwestern Chicago. His yellow brick ranch house there, at 8213 West Summerdale Avenue, would eventually become a graveyard for 29 young men and boys.

It was where all of his gruesome murders would be committed — and also where he would gain local fame as "Pogo the Clown."

While in prison, Gacy had become something of an artist and repeatedly sketched the image of Pogo the Clown. After his release, he joined the local "Jolly Joker" club, a clown club that would perform at birthday parties and hospitals.

He taught himself how to apply clown makeup and turned himself into Pogo the Clown as he had imagined him in his drawings. He performed as Pogo the Clown at all sorts of local parties, including Democratic Party functions and charitable events.

Residents of Norwood Park also remember him showing up to his favorite bar, the "Good Luck Lounge," dressed as Pogo the Clown. "[The public] would feel much more comfortable if Gacy was this type of creepy, sequestered ghoul that was unkempt and heinous," Moran said. "But instead, he dressed as a clown and bounced kids on his knee. He would knock at your door and say vote for my candidate."

See The World You Weren't Meant To See





Chicago Tribune Twitter John Wayne Gacy as Pogo the Clown. But Pogo the Clown didn't fool everybody. Carol Hoff, his high school sweetheart and second wife who he married in 1972, questioned his sexuality. When Gacy told her he was bisexual in 1975, Hoff divorced him and left him alone in their house. Though she denied knowledge of what was to come, Hoff later admitted to authorities that she had seen him bringing teenage boys into their garage before.

The same year Gacy married Hoff, he committed his first murder, that of Timothy McCoy. He stashed the body under his crawlspace. Gacy reportedly managed to kill a second victim while still married to his wife, in 1974.

That victim is still unidentified, but Gacy claims to have strangled a young man and hidden him in his closet. When the body began to leak, he moved it to the crawlspace as well.

But after his divorce, the "Killer Clown" had the freedom to bring more victims into his home. Save for his final four victims, who he dumped into a river, all of his victims were killed in and stored under his house.

Gacy's victims were all young men and boys. He preyed on still-unidentified teenagers, some who were drifters from out of town, and some who were local boys who worked for him.

He lured some into his car by impersonating an officer, or to his house with the offer of a job, a place to party, or even money.

Once he had his victim in his space, Gacy coaxed them with drugs or alcohol or a sick magic trick, during which he'd handcuff them and dangle the key in front of their face.

Then, he would torture, rape, and murder them. One of Gacy's favorite acts of torture was to sit on his victim with all of his weight — which was substantial — and force the victim to fellate him.

He strangled and revived his victims, sometimes even partially drowning

them in his bathtub.



Bettmann/Getty Images Police continue the search around Gacy's house, where the badly decomposed bodies were discovered in the crawlspace.

Gacy would then have the gall to participate in the search parties for some of these boys, as he was friendly with their parents and was considered an upstanding member of the community.

He had set himself up to kill unfettered and unsuspected, but his 33rd murder wouldn't go quite as planned.

### The Facade Of Pogo The Clown Crumbles

At about 9 p.m. on Dec. 11, 1978, Elizabeth Piest [drove to pick up her son](#), a high school sophomore and honor roll student named Robert, from his job at a pharmacy in Des Plaines.

Robert Piest went outside and told her to wait a few minutes; he wanted to talk to a customer about a summer contracting job that would pay him twice what he was currently making.



Karen Engstrom/Chicago Tribune/TNS via Getty Images Investigators carry the remains of one of John Wayne Gacy's victims found under his garage floor.

That was the last time Elizabeth saw her son. Before midnight, she went to the police station to file a missing persons report.

Police figured out that man who Robert Piest was going to talk to was John Wayne Gacy, whose company PDM Contractors had recently remodeled Piest's pharmacy. They called him into the station for questioning, and Gacy obliged — after taking Piest's body and dumping it into the Des Plaines River.

Within hours, authorities searched Gacy's home. They didn't find any bodies, but they did find evidence that Piest had been there: a receipt that belonged to a friend of his.

It wasn't until Dec. 22, 1978 — almost exactly 10 years after his first sodomy conviction — that Gacy the "Killer Clown" confessed to murdering dozens of young men and boys. Investigators swarmed his house and uncovered 29 bodies in the crawlspace. Many had decomposed beyond recognition; and dental experts were brought in to identify John Wayne Gacy's victims by their teeth.

### John Wayne Gacy's Victims Received Justice



Bettmann/Getty Images The “Killer Clown” covers his face on the way to a courtroom in 1978. This was shortly after police discovered John Wayne Gacy’s victims stashed under his crawlspace.

Three years later, the “Killer Clown” used an insanity plea during his trial, hoping for a not guilty verdict.

The jury didn’t buy it. Gacy was sentenced to death and dropped the friendly facade he had maintained for all those years. He didn’t seem to have any remorse for his victims.

“He looked at his victims like he was taking out the trash. He had no feelings about them,” said Gacy’s lawyer, Sam Amirante. “He could talk about a child who’s dying of cancer and cry like a baby about this child he didn’t even know or never met and feel authentically sad about this child. Then he’d talk about another child that he murdered and have no feelings whatsoever.”

He would spend 14 years in prison awaiting his execution. The night before he was put to death, he returned to his roots and ordered a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken as his last meal.



Las Vegas Weekly Some of the many faces of John Wayne Gacy’s victims.

According to reports, the “Killer Clown’s” last words before his execution were “kiss my ass.”

Though Gacy is long gone — and his house has since been demolished — his legacy lives on. Most of John Wayne Gacy’s victims that were retrieved from his crawlspace were identified and released to their families for burial. However, 23 years after his death, authorities are still trying to identify the rest.

In July 2017, one of the last remaining bodies was finally [identified](#), but his grieving family had already died.

Six of John Wayne Gacy’s victims remain anonymous.

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# Pogo the Clown

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## Clown

Gacy as Pogo.<sup>[bi]</sup>

Through his membership in a local [Moose Club](#), Gacy became aware of a "Jolly Joker" clown club, whose members regularly performed at fundraising events and parades in addition to voluntarily entertaining hospitalized children.<sup>[39]</sup> In late 1975, Gacy joined and created his own clown characters "Pogo the Clown" and "Patches the Clown". He described Pogo as a "happy clown", whereas Patches was a "more serious" character.<sup>[45]</sup>

Gacy seldom earned money for his performances and later said that acting as a clown allowed him to "regress into childhood". He performed as both Pogo and Patches at numerous local parties, political functions, charitable events, and children's hospitals.<sup>[39]</sup> Sometimes Gacy would remain in his clowning garb after a performance, and briefly drink at a local bar before returning home.<sup>[46][47]</sup> Gacy's voluntary public service as a clown throughout the years of his murders led to him being known as the "Killer Clown".<sup>[48]</sup>

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# Amber Alert

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## Amber Alert

In 1984, Sam Amirante, one of Gacy's two defense attorneys at his 1980 trial, authored procedures that were incorporated by the [Illinois General Assembly](#) into the Missing Child Recovery Act of 1984. Amirante has since said the primary inspiration for this legislation was that at the time of the Gacy murders, Illinois police had to wait 72 hours before initiating a search for a missing child or adolescent. <sup>[242]</sup> The Illinois Missing Child Recovery Act of 1984 removed the 72-hour waiting period. Other states across America subsequently adopted similar procedures. As a result, a national network aimed at locating missing children was gradually formed. This has since developed into the Child Abduction Emergency—commonly known today as an [Amber Alert](#). <sup>[242]</sup>

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# PDM Contractors

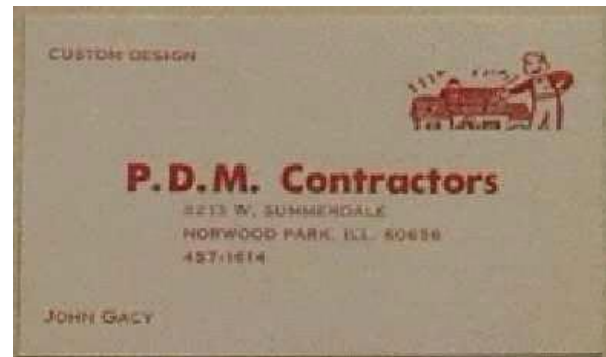
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## PDM Contractors

In 1971, Gacy established a part-time construction business, PDM Contractors. The initials "PDM" were for "Painting, Decorating, and Maintenance".<sup>[32]</sup> With the approval of his probation officer, he worked evenings on his construction contracts while working as a cook during the day. Initially, Gacy undertook minor repair work, such as sign-writing, pouring concrete and redecorating, but he later expanded to include projects such as interior design, [remodeling](#), installation, assembly and [landscaping](#). In mid-1973, Gacy quit his job as a cook so he could commit fully to his construction business.<sup>[33]</sup>

By 1975, PDM was expanding rapidly, and Gacy was working up to 16 hours per day. In March 1977, he became a supervisor for PE Systems, a firm specializing in the remodeling of drugstores. Between PE Systems and PDM, Gacy worked on up to four projects simultaneously and frequently traveled to other states.<sup>[43]</sup> By 1978, PDM's annual revenue was over \$200,000.<sup>[42][4]</sup>

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# Waterloo Jaycees

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## Waterloo Jaycees

In Waterloo, Gacy joined the local Jaycees chapter, regularly offering extended hours to the organization in addition to the 12- and 14-hour days he worked managing three KFCs. At meetings, Gacy often provided fried chicken and insisted on being called "[Colonel](#)".<sup>[11]</sup> Although Gacy was considered ambitious and something of a braggart, the other Jaycees held him in high regard for his fund-raising work, and in 1967 named him "outstanding vice-president" of the Waterloo Jaycees.<sup>[14]</sup> The same year, Gacy served on the Board of Directors.<sup>[22]</sup> Gacy and other Waterloo Jaycees were also deeply involved in [wife swapping](#), [prostitution](#), [pornography](#), and drug use.<sup>[8][20]</sup>

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# Donald Voorhees

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## Assault of Donald Voorhees

In August 1967, Gacy [sexually assaulted](#) 15-year-old Donald Voorhees, the son of a fellow Jaycee. Gacy lured Voorhees to his house upon the promise of showing him heterosexual [stag films](#) regularly played at Jaycee events. Gacy plied Voorhees with alcohol, allowed him to watch a stag movie, then persuaded him to engage in mutual oral sex, adding "You have to have sex with a man before you start having sex with women."<sup>[24]</sup> Over the following months Gacy similarly abused several other youths, including one whom Gacy encouraged to have sex with his own wife before [blackmailing](#) him into performing oral sex on him. Gacy tricked several teenagers into believing he was commissioned to conduct homosexual experiments in the interests of scientific research, and paid them up to \$50 each.<sup>[8]</sup>

In March 1968, Voorhees reported to his father that Gacy had sexually assaulted him. Voorhees Sr. immediately informed the police who arrested Gacy and subsequently charged him with performing oral [sodomy](#) on Voorhees and the attempted assault of 16-year-old Edward Lynch.<sup>[8]</sup> Gacy vehemently denied the charges and demanded to take a [polygraph test](#). The results indicated Gacy was nervous when he denied any wrongdoing in relation to both young men.<sup>[23]</sup> Gacy publicly denied any wrongdoing and insisted the charges against him were politically motivated—Voorhees Sr. had opposed Gacy's nomination for appointment as president of the Iowa Jaycees. Several fellow Jaycees found Gacy's story credible and rallied to his support. However, on May 10, 1968, Gacy was indicted on the sodomy charge.<sup>[23]</sup>

## Witness intimidation

*"The most striking aspect of the test results is the patient's total denial of responsibility for everything that has happened to him. He can produce an 'alibi' for everything. He presents himself as a victim of circumstances and blames other people who are out to get him... the patient attempts to assure a sympathetic response by depicting himself as being at the mercy of a hostile environment".*

Section of report detailing Gacy's 1968 psychiatric evaluation.<sup>[8]</sup>

On August 30, 1968, Gacy persuaded one of his employees, 18-year-old Russell Schroeder, to physically assault Voorhees in an effort to discourage the boy from testifying. Gacy promised to pay Schroeder \$300. Schroeder agreed, and in early September lured Voorhees to an isolated country park, sprayed [Mace](#) in his eyes, then beat him.<sup>[23][24]</sup>

Voorhees escaped and reported the assault to police, identifying Schroeder as his attacker. They arrested him the following day. While initially denying any involvement, he soon confessed to assaulting Voorhees, indicating he had done so at Gacy's request. Police arrested Gacy and laid an additional charge of hiring Schroeder to assault and [intimidate](#) Voorhees.<sup>[8]</sup>

On September 12, Gacy was ordered to undergo a [psychiatric evaluation](#) at the Psychiatric Hospital of the [University of Iowa](#). Two doctors examined him over a period of 17 days before concluding he had an [antisocial personality disorder](#) (the clinical term for [sociopathy](#) and/or [psychopathy](#)), was unlikely to benefit from any therapy or medical treatment, and that his behavior pattern was likely to bring him into repeated conflict with society. The doctors concluded he was mentally competent to stand trial.<sup>[8][25]</sup>



# 1st Murder

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## Murder of Timothy McCoy



Timothy McCoy

Gacy's first known murder occurred on January 3, 1972. According to Gacy's later account, following a family party on the evening of January 2, he decided to drive to the Civic Center in the [Loop](#) to view a display of [ice sculptures](#) in the early hours of the following morning. He then lured a 16-year-old named Timothy Jack McCoy from Chicago's Greyhound Bus Terminal into his car. McCoy was traveling from [Michigan](#) to [Omaha, Nebraska](#). Gacy took McCoy on a sightseeing tour of Chicago and then drove him to his home with the promise that he could spend the night and be driven back to the station in time to catch his bus.<sup>[71]</sup> Prior to McCoy's identification, he was known simply as the "Greyhound Bus Boy".<sup>[72]</sup>

Gacy claimed he woke early the following morning to find McCoy standing in his bedroom doorway with a kitchen knife in his hand.<sup>[19]</sup> He then jumped from his bed and McCoy raised both arms in a gesture of surrender, tilting the knife upwards and accidentally cutting Gacy's forearm.<sup>[1]</sup> Gacy twisted the knife from McCoy's wrist, banged his head against the bedroom wall, kicked him against his wardrobe and walked towards him. McCoy then kicked Gacy in the stomach, doubling him over. Gacy then grabbed McCoy, shouting, "Motherfucker! I'll kill you!"<sup>[74]</sup> He then wrestled McCoy to the floor and stabbed him repeatedly in the chest as he straddled him.<sup>[38]</sup>

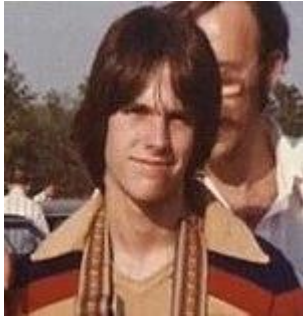
As McCoy lay dying, Gacy claimed he washed the knife in his bathroom, then went to his kitchen and saw an opened carton of eggs and a slab of unsliced bacon on his kitchen table. McCoy had also set the table for two; he had walked into Gacy's room to wake him while absentmindedly carrying the kitchen knife in his hand.<sup>[19]</sup> Gacy buried McCoy in his crawl space and later covered his grave with a layer of concrete.<sup>[38]</sup> In an interview several years after his arrest, Gacy said that immediately after killing McCoy, he felt "totally drained", yet noted that as he stabbed McCoy and as he listened to the "[gurgulations](#)" and gasping for air that he had experienced a mind-numbing [orgasm](#). He added: "That's when I realized that death was the ultimate thrill."<sup>[19]</sup>

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# Last Murder

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## Murder of Robert Piest



Robert Piest, whose disappearance led to Gacy's arrest

On the afternoon of December 11, 1978, Gacy visited the Nisson Pharmacy in Des Plaines, to discuss a potential remodeling deal with the store owner, Phil Torf.<sup>[105]</sup> While he was within earshot of 15-year-old part-time employee Robert Piest, Gacy mentioned his firm often hired teenage boys at a starting wage of \$5 per hour—almost double the pay Piest earned at the pharmacy.<sup>[1]</sup>

Shortly after Gacy left the pharmacy, Piest's mother arrived at the store to drive her son home so the family could celebrate her birthday together.<sup>[42]</sup> Piest asked his mother to wait, adding that "some contractor wants to talk to me about a job". He left the store at 9:00 p.m., promising to return shortly.<sup>[1]</sup>

Piest was murdered shortly after 10:00 p.m. at Gacy's home.<sup>[1]</sup> Gacy later stated that at his house, he asked Piest whether there was anything he "wouldn't do for the right price", to which Piest replied that he did not mind working hard. In response, Gacy stated "good money" could be earned by hustling, although Piest was dismissive. Gacy then duped Piest into donning handcuffs before saying, "I'm going to rape you, and you can't do anything about it" as Piest began weeping.<sup>[42]</sup> He also stated that as he placed the rope around Piest's neck, the boy was "crying, scared".<sup>[106]</sup> Gacy admitted to having received a phone call from a business acquaintance as Piest lay dying, suffocating on his bedroom floor.<sup>1</sup>

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