Clifford Robert Olson, Jr.

Serial killer researched and summarized by
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<td>01/01/1940</td>
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<td>Clifford Robert Olson, Jr. was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. His father was a serviceman for the Canadian Army. Research does not indicate if his father fought in WWII.</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>After WWII, his family moved to a subdivision for servicemen created by the government.</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>He began skipping classes.</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>He was held back in school for the first of several times.</td>
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<td>1956</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>He left school to work at a racetrack.</td>
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<td>1957-1981</td>
<td>17-41</td>
<td>He was arrested 94 times for crimes, such as fraud, armed robbery, sexual assault, firearms offenses, and burglary. At 41 years old, he had spent only 4 years of his adult life as a free man.</td>
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<td>1957-1968</td>
<td>17-28</td>
<td>He escaped from prison 7 times.</td>
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<td>1959</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>He was eligible for parole, but it was revoked.</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>He was eligible for parole again, and it was revoked again.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1974</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>He sexually attacked a 17-year-old inmate repeatedly.</td>
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<td>1978</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>While briefly out of prison, he assaulted a 7-year-old girl.</td>
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<td>38</td>
<td>While back in prison, he was moved to the Super Maximum Unit, where he met child-killer Gary Francis Marcoux.</td>
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<td>1980</td>
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<td>He was released from prison and soon met Joan Hale.</td>
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<td>11/17/80</td>
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<td>Olson killed 12-year-old Christine Anne Weller.</td>
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<td>12/25/80</td>
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<td>Weller’s body was found. She had been strangled with a belt and stabbed repeatedly in the chest and abdomen.</td>
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<td>April 1981</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>Clifford Olson III was born.</td>
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<td>4/16/81</td>
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<td>Olson killed 13-year-old Colleen Marian Daignault.</td>
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<td>4/22/81</td>
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<td>Olson killed 16-year-old Daryn Todd Johnsrude.</td>
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<td>5/02/81</td>
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<td>Johnsrude’s body was found. Olson had smashed the boy’s head in with a hammer and tossed him into a ditch.</td>
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5/15/81 41 He married Joan Hale. She knew he had been in prison, and he began beating her before they married.

5/19/81 41 Olson killed 16-year-old Sandra Lynn Wolfsteiner. He smashed her head.

May 1981 41 He was arrested for impaired driving and for contributing to the juvenile delinquency of a 16-year-old girl.

6/21/81 41 Olson killed 13-year-old Ada Court.

7/02/81 41 Olson killed 9-year-old Simon Partington. He strangled Partington.

7/07/81 41 He sexually assaulted a 16-year-old girl.

7/09/81 41 He killed 15-year-old Judy Kozma. He raped and strangled her. He took her address book and called her friends and said, “You’re next.”

7/10/81 41 Olson took his wife and son on vacation.

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7/25/81 41 Kozma’s mutilated body was recovered from Lake Weaver.

7/27/81 41 Olson killed 15-year-old Terri Lynn Carson. He raped and strangled her.

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August 1981 41 Court’s skull and upper jawbone were found.

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<td>Parent’s marital status</td>
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<td>Family event</td>
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<td>Age of family event</td>
<td>n/a</td>
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<td>Problems in school?</td>
<td>Bully and cut class</td>
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<td>Teased while in school?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Physically attractive?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Physical defect?</td>
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<td>Speech defect?</td>
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<td>Head injury?</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Physically abused?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Psychologically abused?</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Father’s occupation</td>
<td>Milk delivery man</td>
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<td>Age of first sexual experience</td>
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<td>Age when first had intercourse</td>
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<td>Mother’s occupation</td>
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<td><strong>Cognitive Ability</strong></td>
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<td>Highest grade in school</td>
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<td>Highest degree</td>
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<td>Grades in school</td>
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<td>IQ</td>
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<td><strong>Work History</strong></td>
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<td>Served in the military?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Branch</td>
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<td>Type of discharge</td>
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<td>Saw combat duty</td>
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<td>Killed enemy during service?</td>
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<td>Applied for job as a cop?</td>
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<td>Worked in law enforcement?</td>
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<td>Fired from jobs?</td>
<td>?</td>
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<td>Types of jobs worked</td>
<td>Racetrack, self-employed contractor</td>
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<td>Employment status during series</td>
<td>Self-employed contractor</td>
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<td><strong>Relationships</strong></td>
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<td>Sexual preference</td>
<td>Heterosexual with homosexual tendencies later in life</td>
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<td>Marital status</td>
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<td>Number of children</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Lives with his children</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Living with</td>
<td>Spouse</td>
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<td><strong>Triad</strong></td>
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<td>Animal torture</td>
<td>Yes, smothered two rabbits</td>
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<td>Fire setting</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Bed wetting</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td><strong>Killer Psychological Information</strong></td>
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<td>Abused drugs?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Abused alcohol?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Been to a psychologist?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Time in forensic hospital?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Diagnosis</td>
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### Killer Criminal History

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<td>Committed previous crimes?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Spend time in jail?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Spend time in prison?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Killed prior to series? Age?</td>
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### Serial Killing

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<td>Number of victims</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Victim type</td>
<td>Young children and young adults</td>
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<td>Killer age at start of series</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gender of victims</td>
<td>Male and female</td>
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<td>Race of victims</td>
<td>White</td>
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<td>Age of victims</td>
<td>12, 13, 16, 16, 13, 9, 15, 15, 18, 15, and 17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Method of killing</td>
<td>Strangle, bludgeon, or stab</td>
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<td>Type of serial killer</td>
<td>Hedonist, lust killer, mixed</td>
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<td>How close did killer live?</td>
<td>Around the same neighborhood or random instances of him driving around</td>
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<td>Weapon</td>
<td>Knife, hammer, and items located around him, such as rocks</td>
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<td>Behavior During Crimes</td>
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<td>Rape?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Tortured victims?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Stalked victims?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Overkill?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Quick &amp; efficient?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Used blindfold?</td>
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<td>Bound the victims?</td>
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<td>After Death Behavior</td>
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<td>Sex with the body?</td>
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<td>Mutilated body?</td>
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<td>Ate part of the body?</td>
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<td>Drank victim’s blood?</td>
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<td>Posed the body?</td>
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<td>Took totem – body part</td>
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<td>Took totem – personal item</td>
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<td>Robbed victim or location</td>
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<td>Disposal of Body</td>
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<td>Moved, buried</td>
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<td>Cut-up and disposed of</td>
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<td>11 concurrent life terms</td>
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<td>No</td>
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