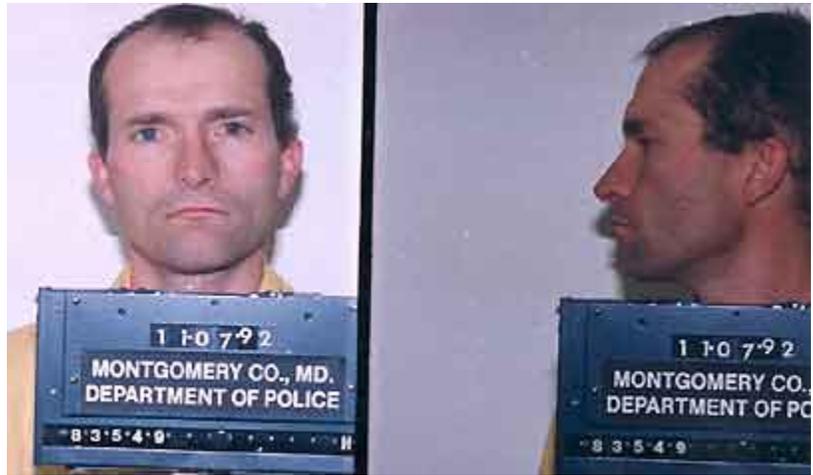


Hadden Clark



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Date	Age	Life Event
April 1951	0	Birth of Hadden Clark, second child of four. Troy, Connecticut
Child-hood		Rams younger brother with bike – brother’s head hits sidewalk (bleeds profusely). Mother blames his strange behavior on bad forceps delivery, which she said had given him a head injury. Mother brought him to Yale Univ.’s Child Study Center at age 4. The doctor said he had cerebral palsy and perhaps some mild brain damage. His father began to call him “the retard”. Decapitated pets of children who teased him. Trapped animals and dissected them. Kept a raccoon and taught it to sit on top of his head. Mother dressed him in frilly girls clothing & addressed him as “Kristen” when drunk Emotionally unstable: “small child that lashed out when publicly criticized”. Abusive childhood – parents both alcoholics and fought physically in front of their children.
Adolescence	teens	Discovered by both parents wearing adult women’s clothing. Weeks after, he was involved in a Peeping Tom incident that resulted in a police charge. Father tried to change him by beating him with a belt when he emerged vulnerable and naked from the bathtub.
1964	14	Claimed to have murdered his first victim, a boy. Says father helped cover it up.
1972	21	Graduated for high school, was the oldest in his class.
Spring 1974	23	Graduated from Culinary Institute of America. Urinated into vats of mashed potatoes in retaliation against slights. After Graduation could not keep a job for more than a few months.
1974-1982	23-31	Held 14 different jobs. Grandfather dies. Grandmother enters nursing home due to poor health Parents divorce. Father dies from cancer.
		Employment in Cape cod

		Later confesses to have killed several woman in sand dunes nearby. Claimed he murdered a woman burying her nude under the sand dune – first removed her hands at the wrists and used the fingers as experimental bait for surf fishing.
		Employment U.S. Navy - hired as a below deck cook. Beat for wearing frilly underwear under his uniform. Locked in meat freezer for 3 hours. Had a concussion from his head being banged against an aircraft carrier deck.
June 22, 1985	34	Discharged from Navy. Diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic.
Oct. 1985		Confessed to killing Sarah Pryor in Wayland field, not yet confirmed that Clark was the killer.
1986	35	Arrested for shoplifting women's underwear.
May 1986		Brother asks him to move out of their home because he was caught masturbating in front of his niece and nephew.
May 31, 1986		Murders Michelle Dorr with a 12-inch chef knife. Clark first cuts a Z like sign in her back then slashes victims throat. He tries to have sex with Michelle when she is dead but is unsuccessful. He buries her in the woods near Baltimore in Old Columbia Pike, but before has a taste of her flesh.
June 8, 1986		Hadden summoned to the police station to be questioned about the death of Michelle Dorr. When questioned about what he did to her, he first teared up and then ran to the bathroom to throw up. Then a partial confession stating "I may have done something. I don't remember. Sometimes I black out and do things I cant remember". But he had an alibi for work and was let go.
Nov 1987	36	Stopped for speeding over the legal limit by ten miles or more in Montgomery County, MD
March 1988		Stopped again for speeding over the legal limit by ten miles or more in Montgomery County, MD
Sept 1988	37	Mother confronts him for stealing items from her home in Rhode Island. Retaliates by knocking her down and began kicking her, then attempted to run her over with his truck.
Sept 1988 (next day)		Mother presses charges of assault and battery. Gets one year probation from a Rhode Island judge. Mother writes a letter telling him she will pretend he is dead and does not love him anymore and will pretend he is dead.
Dec 25, 1988		Pulled over for speeding in Montgomery County – an unregistered and loaded .38 caliber Astra handgun was found. Walked away with suspended sentence and probation
Dec 25, 1988		Destruction of property charge pending for booby trapping his landlord, the Mahany family's home. (he rented the basement the summer of 1988) 10 gallon oil can placed over door so it would spill when opened; sprayed black dye on living room floor; rotting fish heads put in piano, chimney, and stove; killed the family cats placing on in stove and one on the welcome mat, and stole inconsequential items.
1988		Charged with destruction of property, pleading guilty as part of a deal which dropped the unlicensed, loaded handgun offense. No jail time served. Years sentence was suspended with Hadden assigned to a probation officer and ordered to get psychiatric treatment.
mid - 1989	38	Visited a local veteran's hospital, left immediately after being admitted. Doctor's diagnosis: "psychosis with questionable etiology".
Feb 1989		Arrested - charged with 17 count criminal indictment (15 for theft), and "possession of controlled paraphernalia". Dressed as a woman and stole purses and coats from local churches. When pulled over police officer found a black gun holster hanging from seatbelt, women's wigs and dresses, syringes, and a bundle of cash.
1989		Hadden pleaded guilty on two counts of theft (one over \$300 and one under \$300). Sentenced to 18 months but judge then suspended all but 45 days. Served 45 days in jail before bond posted. (later boasted he did it on purpose because of the

		cold Feb weather.) Given three years probation because they found him to “have serious mental problems”. Lawyer had him carrying around a “get out of jail free card” - police unable to arrest him.
1992	41	Penny Houghteling hires him as a gardener - becomes attached to Penny in a motherly kind of way. Penny notices her pearls, underwear and clothing start to become missing. Penny’s daughter Laura returns home he becomes jealous and seeks revenge.
Oct 14 1992		Purchases 2 rolls of duct tape, braided rope, and nylon cord – next to the <i>memo</i> on the check read “Laura”.
Oct 18, 1992		Breaks into the house with a spare key from shed. Dressed in Penny’s clothing and a wig. Forces Laura to undress and take a bath (cleansing ritual) with an unloaded .22 caliber rifle. He bound her wrists with duct tape, then her ankles. Covered her eyes, mouth, nose, and head with duct tape suffocating her.
Days later (1992)		Police find bloody pillowcase that matched Laura’s blood-type. The pillowcase also had fingerprints and hair fibers that matched Hadden’s.
1993	42	Pled guilty to 2 nd degree murder. Received 30 year sentence.
1999	48	Tried for stealing from Mahany family – received another 10 year sentence Tried for the murder of Michelle Dorr – received another 30 year sentence.
Jan 2000	49	Led police to Michelle’s body (14 years after her death). Clark helped the police dig up her body.
Jan-April 2000		Led police to find additional victims from the sand dunes – unsuccessful dug to the shifting of the sand.
Dec. 15 2000		Led police to grandfather’s estate where they found a large bucket of about 200 pieces of women’s jewelry. Several items belonged to Laura Houghteling. Clark claimed they were taken from his victims.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	2+ (convicted of 2, confessed to many more)
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Maryland
Type of killer	Disorganized, revenge killer
Height	6’2

Childhood Information

Date of birth	April 1951
Location	Troy, Connecticut
Birth order	2 nd of 4
Number of siblings	Four
XYX?	Not stated
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	Second born
Parent’s marital status	Married
Family event	Moved constantly - often twice a year
Age of family event	N/A
Problems in school?	Failed 2 grades in elementary school
Teased while in school?	Yes
Physically attractive?	Yes
Physical defect?	N/A
Speech defect?	N/A

Head injury?	Sustained a concussion- head smashed against an aircraft carrier's deck while in the Navy.
Physically abused?	Father tried to change his cross-dressing behaviors by beating him with a belt when he emerged vulnerable and naked from the bathtub
Psychologically abused?	Parents were alcoholics who would physically fight in front of the children. Father referred to Clark as a "retard" when drinking. Mother called him Kristen and made him wear girl clothes while drunk.
Sexually abused?	On one occasion, he told his mother that his brother had sexually assaulted him in a tree house, after brother denied mother ignored the allegation.
Father's occupation	Invented plastic wrap and fire-retardant carpeting. Father had both an MBA and PhD in chemistry but was never satisfied with employees and always was seeking more money.
Age of first sexual experience	N/A
Age when first had intercourse	N/A
Mother's occupation	homemaker
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Yes, alcoholic
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	Yes, alcoholic
Cognitive Ability	
Highest grade in school	Graduated high school and graduated from Culinary Institute in America.
Highest degree	Degree from Culinary Institute in America
Grades in school	Struggled through school, failed 2 grades.
IQ	Average, to low average.
Work History	
Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Navy
Type of discharge	Medical – paranoid schizophrenic
Saw combat duty	no
Killed enemy during service?	no
Applied for job as a cop?	no
Worked in law enforcement?	no
Fired from jobs?	Could not keep jobs on account of his strange behavior, i.e. chugging beef blood in the restaurant's kitchen
Types of jobs worked	Restaurants, below deck cook for Navy, gardener
Employment status during series	Chef when he killed his first known victim and a gardener when he killed his second.
Relationships	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Single
Number of children	none
Lives with his children	N/A
Living with	alone
Triad	
Animal torture	yes
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	N/A
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	N/A
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes

Time in forensic hospital?	Visited a local veteran's hospital, left immediately after being admitted
Diagnosis	Paranoid schizophrenic, & "psychosis with questionable etiology". Clark thought he had a split personality.
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Stealing , assault and battery
Spent time in jail?	Yes - 45 days
Spent time in prison?	No
Killed prior to series? Age?	Probably – age 14
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	2+ (2 were convicted, confessed to many more)
Victim type	young women
Killer age at start of series	Could be as early as 31 (when he confessed to the sand dunes killings) but first convicted victim was 35
Gender of victims	female
Race of victims	white
Age of victims	Ranged from 6 to mid 20's
Method of killing	Revenge killer
Type of serial killer	Disorganized
How close did killer live?	Drove
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes or close by
Killing occurred in home of killer?	No
Weapon	Killer brought with him
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Attempted on first victim after he murdered her but unsuccessful.
Tortured victims?	Yes, cut first victim a few times before she bit him and he killed her. For second victim made her undress and bathe as a cleaning ritual then duct taped her body.
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes (second victim)
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	Tried for first victim after death but unsuccessful
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	Yes, for first victim
Drank victim's blood?	Yes, for first victim
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	Yes – mainly jewelry – From second victim: a crystal unicorn, camera, and her briefcase.
Robbed victim or location	Yes
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	No
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	Yes
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, to home	No

Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	Oct. 22, 1992
Date convicted	1993
Sentence	2 consecutive 30-year sentences, and 10 years for stealing for the Mahany Family
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	Montgomery County, MD
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive

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