

Aileen Wuornos

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What events led to
the suspect to
commit the crime ?

Aileen Wuornos grew up in a broken household, with a mother who had abandoned her and her brother: Keith, and a father who was not involved. Keith and Aileen had then moved in with their grandparents. Because of the fact that Keith and Aileen were so lonely in a new place with new people, they started experiencing sexual behaviors with each other. When Keith had realized that having sex with his sister was wrong he turned her down every time, which then led her to having sex with other kids in the neighborhood. She enjoyed this feeling of pleasure and began making people pay her to have sex. At age 11 Aileen was having sex for loose change throughout the whole neighborhood that she was living in. This was the start to the serial killer: Aileen Wuornos.

Deadly Details

What good things were done by investigators at the crime scene ?

What mistakes did evidence collectors make at the crime scene?

At the crime scenes of the victims , investigators noticed personal items missing .They traced the missing items back to pawn shops which then lead to the person bringing it there, Aileen Wuornos

A mistake in which investigators had come across was the wrongful accusation of Aileen's 22 year old girlfriend, Tyria Moore. Tyria was looked down upon as if she was involved with the murders that were occurring. Soon after Tyria came to notice what Aileen was doing, she began working with investigators against Aileen to prove her innocence. Tyria testified against Aileen in court.

Events and Behaviors

Aileen tried to cover up her victims by stating in the courtroom that it was out of self defence at which she was attacked by her victims as they tried to rape her. The evidence of her case had said something different. Evidence proved that she was after her victims , posing as a prostitute just to take their money , kill them, and rob them of their possessions . Aileen was after the men she killed and not the other way around as how she had made it seem.



Evidence leading up to
Aileens arrest

How was this suspect found ?.....

- . Video taped confession on January 16 , 1991

- . Fingerprints were found on the pawn shop receipts where she had sold her victim's personal possessions too

- . Forensic evidence also found Aileen's fingerprints on the vehicle belonging to Peter Siems : One of the 7 men she murdered

- . Tryia testified against Aileen

- . Eye Witness (Rhonda) gave a brief description of Aileen at the crime scene of Peter Siems

- . All victims were killed by the same murder weapon: A 22 Calibre pistol

- . All bodies were found in secluded areas

- . The victims were all middle aged men, traveling alone, and all 7 crime scenes looked as if the motive was theft

What hindered the case?.....

Aileen
attempted
suicide in 1978

Different pawn shops were used
by Aileen Wuornos to sell her
victims belongings and it was
false lead because they could not
connect her to the different
pawn shops.



Prosecution

Aileen was charged with murder for taking the lives of 7 men.

January 27th:

Jury found Aileen guilty on 1st degree murder

January 31st:

Aileen Wuornos was sentenced to death at the age of 36 years old

The Defense

- Suspect had pleaded innocent during the whole trial
- Aileen attempted to dispute forensic evidence by stating that it was out of self defense from the men trying to rape her and that is why she killed them
- Aileen Wournos overall plan was to keep pleading innocent until she was finally let out of prison. However, Aileen spent so much time in prison she came to the realization that by keep trying to plead innocent is not going to do her any good
- In July 2001 she begged to be executed and had finally confessed that it was not out of self defense that she killed the 7 men.

Other Info.

How has science changed since this crime?

How would have new technology affected this trial or outcome ?

Science has changed since this crime by forensic examiners having more experience.

This new understanding of forensic examiners having more experience would affect the trial by finding Aileen Wournos guilty a lot earlier than they had. If they had more experience they would examine aileen herself, and make it known that the evidence they found proves that she was NOT raped by her victims, as she had claimed.

My personal outlook

GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY!!!!

Yes, I do believe that Aileen Wuornos was guilty and had killed the 7 men.

I believe her sentence was a fair sentence , and I would have not changed it in any way.

In this case , the only thing that i would have done differently was try to put all the evidence together faster to try and stop her from getting to her next victim and taking the life of another person.