

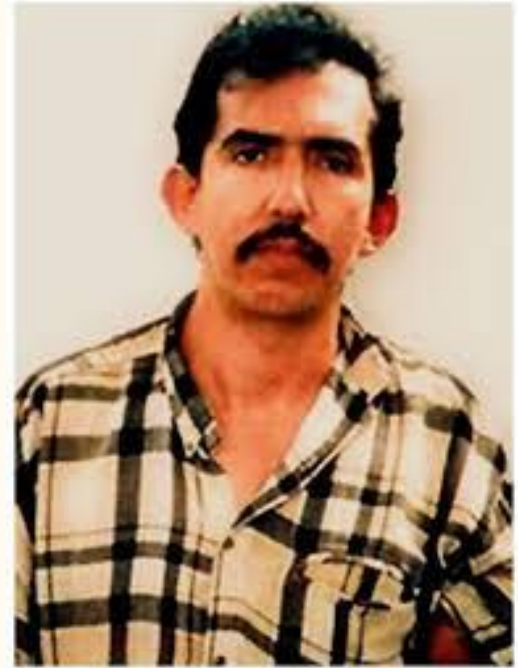
Luis Garavito

The Beast

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Background information

- Colombian serial killer in the 1990's convicted of murdering at least 189 boys.
- Abused mentally, sexually and physically by his father.
- Raped by two male neighbors growing up.
- Killed, raped, and tortured boys ages 8-16.
- Garavito became an alcoholic as well as diagnosed with suicidal intentions, as well as many psychiatric problems.
- Sexually motivated to commit his crimes in order to feel “God-like”





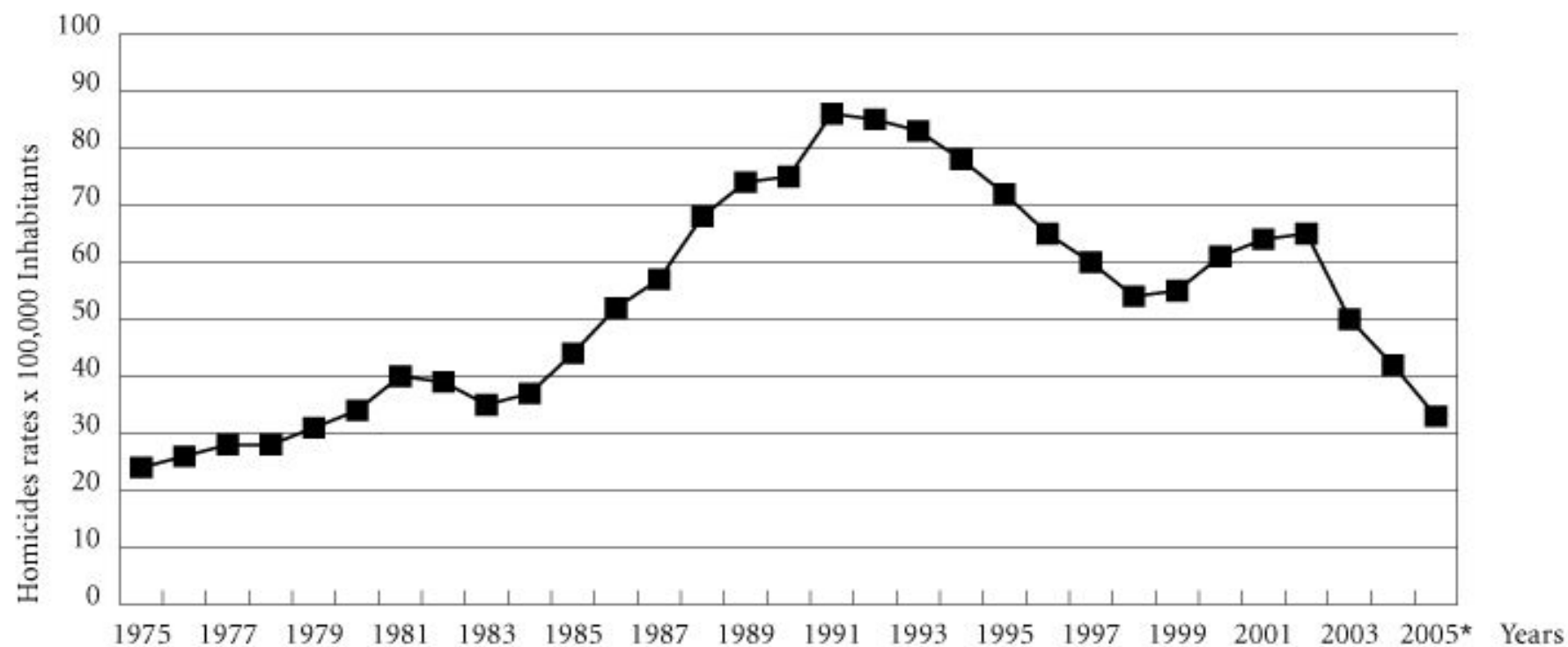
Methods

- Garavito would pick on poverty-stricken boys who lived on the streets, he would approach these children in disguise as a monk or a priest.
- He gave them many gifts, of food and money. Then when they would get tired
- Then he would rape them and kill them, often he used a screwdriver as his weapon and torture his victims as well as dismember them at times.



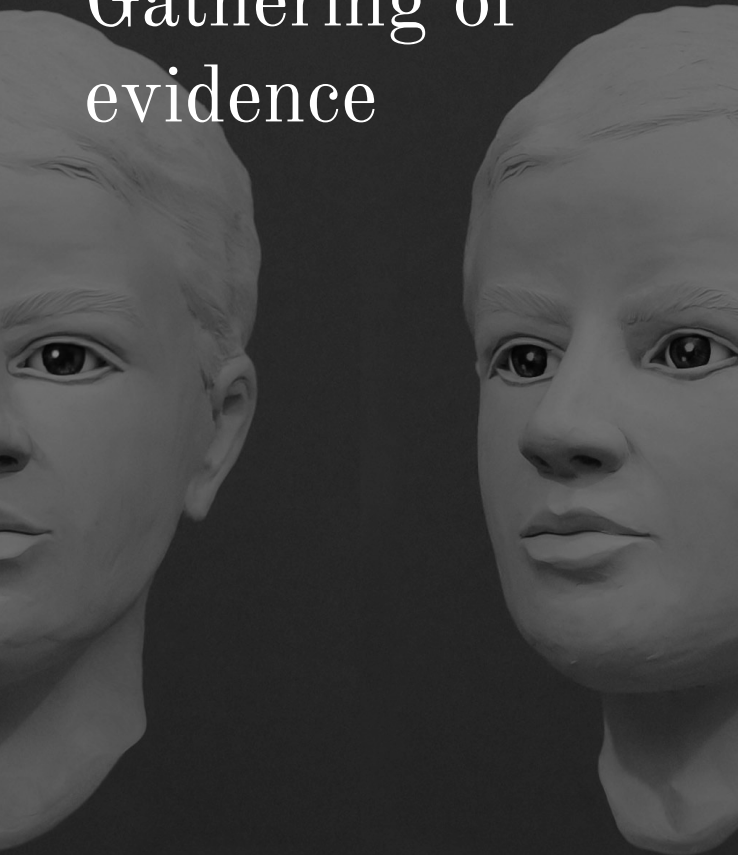
Graph 1

Homicide rates in Colombia 1975-2005.



Source: National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensics, National Police and CINEP.

Gathering of evidence



- The bodies that were found were bones a forensic artist was needed in order to reconstruct the faces of the children.
- In order to continue the process they had a child who was similar looking to the children who have gone missing and collected measurements.
- Evidence was difficult to gather due to the fact that the bodies were found in extremely dense vegetation.



More Evidence

- Found slightly burt glasses, money, underwear and shoes. Belonging to the killer. He left behind at the sugar plantation.
- Forensic analysis determined that burns were located on left arm and side.
- Used link in order to further narrow out a selective group of convicts.
- Found journals containing information about his fantasy.
- Dna testing



The Trail

- 18 hours of interrogation, until he broke by Gomez. Later confessed wearabouts of other bodies. Cooperated with police.
- Sentenced to unknown number of years in prison



My Opinion

I thought that Garavito was guilty of all crime he committed and he should have been put to death by lethal injection. The amount of killings that was performed was immense. Although, due to his traumatic childhood it could have been a physiological. Due to the fact he was multiply abused by his father and raped between the ages of 6-16 years old.

Works Cited

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMZjyPJZFF8>