

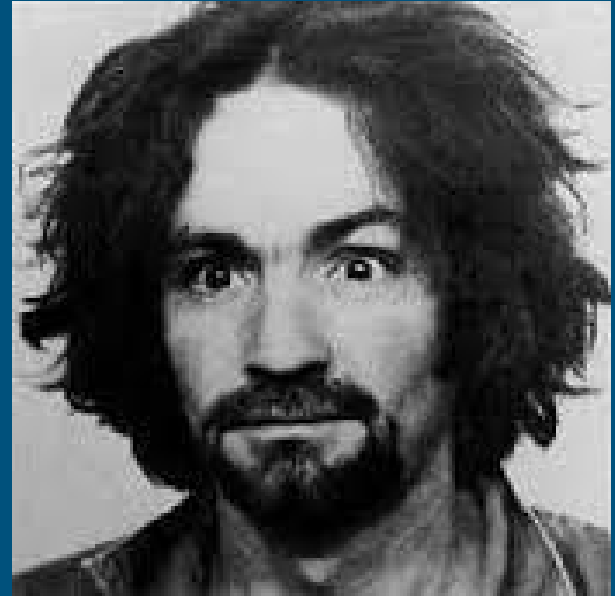


Charles Manson



Charles Manson (Charles Milles Maddox)

- Charles Manson was born on November 12, 1934 to Kathleen Maddox at the young age of 16 with an unknown father.
- Some say that his alcoholic mother sold him to a waitress in exchange for beer.
- Known as a cult leader that organized several murders in the late 1960's



Heat of Passion

- Manson's point of view was heavily influenced by the book of Revelation in the bible
- He also thought of the Beatles as the four angels in Revelation 9 and referred to himself as "Christ"
- But the Beatles "White Album" influenced him the most.
- Manson interpreted the songs from the album and thought they represented an upcoming racial war.
- Manson then decided to start killing rich white people and try to make it look as if the crime was committed by blacks.

The Start of “The Family”

- Young females gravitated towards Charles due to his charisma.
- Manson was able to manipulate his followers through the use of LSD.
- His followers numbered around 100
- They began to think that Manson was Jesus and believe his prophecies of a race war.



Timeline

1. August 9, 1969:
The Tate Murders
2. August 10, 1969:
The LaBianca Murders
3. August 25, 1969:
The Shorty Shea Murders

The Tate Murders

On August 9th, 1969, Sharon Tate (8 month's pregnant) and 4 others were murdered. The next morning the house cleaning maids found them all dead.

Charles "Tex" Watson, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, and Linda Kasabian were the four members from "The Family" that committed this crime.

The Tate Murders

The victims include:

1. Steve Parent--slashed with a knife and shot four times
2. Wojtek Frykowski--shot twice, stabbed 51 times, and hit on the head over a dozen times
3. Abigail Folger--stabbed 28 times
4. Jay Sebring and Sharon Tate--tied together
5. Jay Sebring--shot in the face and stabbed 7 times
6. Sharon Tate--stabbed 16 times in the back and chest killing her unborn child

Mistakes

Officer DeRosa was escorting possible suspect and noticed blood on the button used to operate the gate:

- He pressed the button himself which obliterated any print that may have previously been on the button

A gun grip was found near the entryway

- It was kicked underneath a chair by an original officer

Officer Grandando found 45 blood samples from the Tate scene

- He failed to run subtypes on 21 of them

Etc.

More Evidence

- A boy found the gun two weeks after the murders and was careful not to touch the revolver to keep the fingerprints
 - The police wiped the gun and filed it away
- A boy found a gun in his yard and contacted police
 - Police would not have checked it out if the boy's father had not insisted.

Technology

There wasn't a lot of Dna profiling and they probably couldn't match fingerprints due to the technology at the time period



Found?

Manson and his Family were arrested simply on the belief that they had vandalized the Death Valley Park where they were hiding out in the Mojave Desert.



Trial

- The trial began on June 16th, 1970
- Manson defends himself in court with the help from attorney Irving Kanarek
- After a 7 month trial the jury finds all the defendants guilty
- They are sentenced to the death penalty but are commuted to life in prison instead since the death penalty was abolished in California.
- Linda Kasabian is given immunity in exchange for her testimony against Manson and others

Behavior

- They felt no remorse for their crimes.
- Manson was extremely aggressive: He once attacked the judge during one of his trial hearings

Opinion

- I think that Charles Manson and his family are definitely guilty.
- I agree with their life sentence
- I thought that the police officers did a horrible job at collecting evidence and should be put under a trial themselves