

# *Richard Kuklinski “The Iceman”*



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## *Who is he?*

- born April 11, 1935
- Mafia hitman that was involved with killing between 100 to 200 men



# *Appearance*

- Weighing about 300 pounds
- 6'5 ft tall
- has tattoos

he was someone you don't want to mess with.



## *Childhood*

- mother Anna McNally, very strict catholic who laid down rigid rules
  - she never showed them any love, care or compassion
- hit him with a broom when he disobeyed her
- Richard was forced to attend catholic school
- Brother died from continuous beatings from both parents
  - Richard started taking out his anger on animals mostly cat and dogs
- At age 16, father abandoned family



## *Motivation to kill*

- He wanted to kill anyone that was annoying to him, loud-mouthed, and anyone that remind him of his father.



## *Timeline:*

**1949** Kuklinski's first Murder. He was 14 years old

**1961 September 8, 1961** – Barbara and Richard are Married

**1964 March 27, 1964** – First daughter was born

**1965 April 21, 1965** – Second daughter was born

**1965 – 1985** Became contract killer for Roy Demeo, Capo with the Gambino Crime Family

**1969 January 13, 1969** – third child was born, a son

**1969** Brother (Joseph) arrested for throwing a girl and dog from roof

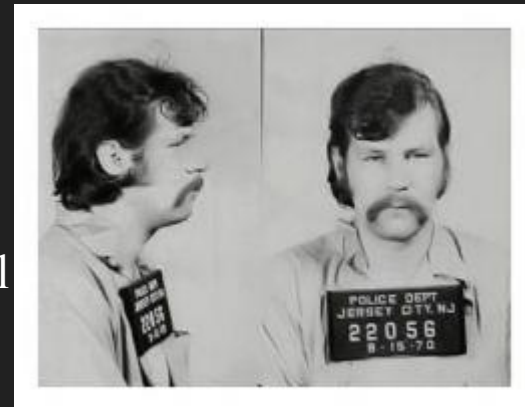
**1971** Bruno Latini found murdered in NYC

**1980** Murder of Detective Peter Calabro

**1980** George Malliband's body found in barrel

**1981** Murder of Paul Hoffman

**1982** Body of Gary Smith Found under bed in York Motor Hotel



## *Timeline:*

- **1982** Danny Deppner murdered
- **1983** Body of Robert Prongay “Mr. Softee” found shot to death
- **1983** Louis Masgay’s Murdered earned the name of “Iceman”
- **1984** Roy DeMeo found shot to death
- **1986** Arrested
- **1988** Sentenced to multiple life sentences. Eligible for parole when he is 111 years old
- **2006** Kuklinski, who was to be the star witness against Gravano, dies March 6th. Murder charges dropped

**Iceman Dies at age 70**

## *“Iceman”*

- Kept Louis Masgay’s body for over 2 yrs to see if he could disguise the time of death
- found in Rockland County, New York, wrapped in plastic bags and wearing the same clothes he had worn on the day of his disappearance
- He was shot
- When the ME did the autopsy he noticed ice in the tissues
- Later a witness (a convicted murderer) who had worked for Richard went into the freezer





## *“Iceman”*

- Later a witness who had worked for Richard went into the freezer
- seen Masgay hanging in the industrial freezer but had decided not to mention it to anyone
- This was the murder that earned Richard Kuklinski his nickname, the Iceman.



## *How did he get away?*

- Kept body in a freezer
- plastic wrapping helped keep the cold in
- Used cyanide



## *How was he found?*

- He became friends with an undercover cop who recorded dozens of his conversations where he admitted to murdering people.
- This led the police to be able to connect the murders of countless victims to Richard.



## *What was his sentence?*

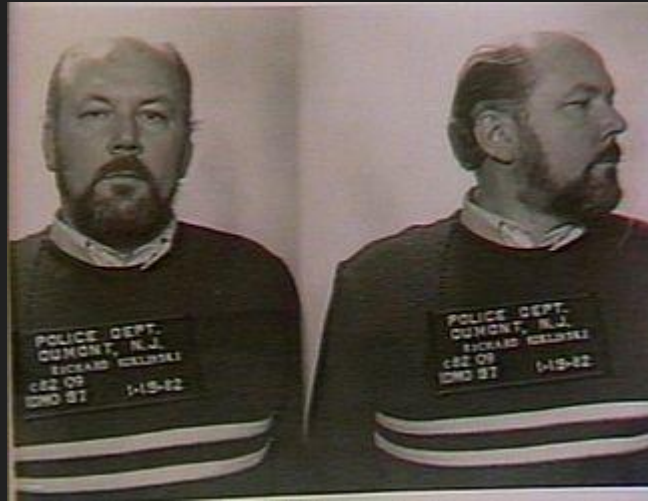
Richard Kuklinski was caught in December 1986 at age 51.

He was sentenced to life in prison

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## *Our opinion...*

We believe that Richard Kuklinski deserved to be sentenced to death instead of getting a life sentence, because he was a cold hearted killer and did not care about anyone, or feel any sort of sorrow for the families he made suffer.



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