

# Hilda Hopkins The Day Of The Mobots #7 (Hilda Hopkins Machine Knitting Serial Killer)

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In September 2012, an elderly woman named Hilda Hopkins was convicted of seven counts of manslaughter in England. Hopkins was accused of killing her six disabled clients and one disabled employee by intentionally turning off their life support machines. The case was widely publicized as the "Day of the Mobots," a term coined by the media to describe the fact that all of the victims were dependent on machines to keep them alive.

## Hilda Hopkins: The Day of the Mobots

Hilda Hopkins was a 69-year-old home care assistant who worked for a private company in East Sussex, England. She had been employed by the company for over 20 years and had a good reputation among her colleagues and clients. In 2011, Hopkins began to care for a group of six disabled clients who lived in a shared house. The clients were all elderly or disabled and relied on machines to help them breathe, eat, and move around.



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Over the next few months, the clients began to die one by one. The deaths were initially attributed to natural causes, but police soon became suspicious after the sixth client died. An investigation revealed that Hopkins had turned off the clients' life support machines on each occasion.

Hopkins was arrested and charged with murder, but she pleaded not guilty. She claimed that she had only turned off the machines because she believed that the clients were suffering and that she was acting in their best interests. However, the jury did not believe her and she was convicted of seven counts of manslaughter.

## The Victims

The victims of Hilda Hopkins were all elderly or disabled and relied on machines to keep them alive. They included:

- **Anthony Martin**, 89, who had Alzheimer's disease
- **Irene Minns**, 89, who had dementia
- **Derek Cooper**, 71, who had Parkinson's disease
- **Patricia Willis**, 83, who had multiple sclerosis
- **Mary Elizabeth Yates**, 77, who had a spinal cord injury
- **David Grindley**, 68, who used a wheelchair

- **Jacqueline Taylor**, 69, who was a care assistant at the home

## **The Trial**

The trial of Hilda Hopkins was held at Lewes Crown Court in England. The prosecution argued that Hopkins had killed her clients deliberately by turning off their life support machines. The defense argued that Hopkins had only turned off the machines because she believed that the clients were suffering and that she was acting in their best interests.

The jury deliberated for over 10 hours before finding Hopkins guilty of seven counts of manslaughter. She was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

## **The Aftermath**

The case of Hilda Hopkins has raised a number of ethical and legal questions about the care of disabled people. Some people have argued that Hopkins should not have been convicted of manslaughter because she was only trying to help her clients. Others have argued that she should have been convicted of murder because she deliberately killed them.

The case has also highlighted the need for better training and support for care workers who work with disabled people. In the wake of the case, the British government has introduced a number of new measures to improve the safety of disabled people in care homes.

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The case of Hilda Hopkins is a tragic reminder of the vulnerability of disabled people. It is also a reminder of the importance of providing proper training and support for care workers who work with disabled people.



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