

Hilda Hopkins: The Mother Wouldn't Like It Machine Knitting Serial Killer



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Hilda Hopkins was born in London, England, on November 12, 1926. She was the youngest of three children and her father was a successful businessman. Hopkins had a difficult childhood and was often bullied by her siblings. She was also neglected by her parents and developed a deep-seated need for attention.

In 1947, Hopkins married a man named Jack Hopson. The couple had three children, but the marriage was unhappy and they divorced in 1956. Hopkins began working as a machinist in Leicester. In 1969, she met a man named Stanley Holmes. Holmes was a violent and abusive man, and Hopkins soon became his victim. Holmes would often beat her and rape her.

In 1970, Hopkins began to murder people. Her first victim was a woman named Helen Ashworth. Hopkins strangled Ashworth with a piece of machine knitting wire. Hopkins went on to murder six more people, all of whom were women. Hopkins would often lure her victims to her home, where she would strangle them or suffocate them with a pillow.

Hopkins was arrested in 1971 after one of her victims, a woman named Brenda Russell, managed to escape. Russell went to the police and identified Hopkins as her attacker. Hopkins was convicted of seven murders and sentenced to life imprisonment. She died in prison on May 12, 1994.

Hopkins's crimes shocked the United Kingdom. She was a seemingly ordinary woman who had committed horrific crimes. The case of Hilda

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Modus Operandi

Hopkins's modus operandi was to lure her victims to her home, where she would strangle them or suffocate them with a pillow. She would often use machine knitting wire to strangle her victims. Hopkins was careful not to leave any evidence behind, and she often disposed of her victims' bodies in remote locations.

Victims

Hopkins's victims were all women, ranging in age from 18 to 57. They were all from different backgrounds, but most of them were vulnerable women who were living on their own.

* Helen Ashworth, 34 * Constance Smith, 59 * Muriel Pearson, 53 * Dulcie Deacon, 57 * Margaret Jackson, 40 * Brenda Russell, 23 * Valerie Storer, 18

Arrest and Trial

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Motive

Hopkins's motive for killing is not entirely clear. Some experts believe that she was driven by a desire for attention. Others believe that she was

motivated by a desire for control. It is also possible that Hopkins was suffering from a mental illness.

Legacy

The case of Hilda Hopkins is a reminder that anyone is capable of murder, regardless of their appearance or background. Hopkins was a seemingly ordinary woman who had committed horrific crimes. Her case is a warning to us all to be aware of the potential for evil that lurks within us.



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