

## **B.T.K. Suspect is Charged with 10 Murder Counts** **State of Kansas v. Dennis Rader**

"March 1 - The man the police have accused of being 'B.T.K.' - one of the country's most notorious serial killers - made his first appearance in court today via videoconference from his jail cell and was charged with 10 counts of first degree murder. Looking calm and somber in his orange jumpsuit, Mr. Rader said very little during the hearing, answering "yes, sir" at one point when asked by the judge whether he understood the charges against him for murders that took place between 1974 and 1991. A public defender was appointed to handle his case (NY Times, by Monica Davey & Stephanie Rosenbloom)."

**HandwritingUniversity's Analyze the writing of suspected killer BTK.**

View the handwriting sample.

### **Documents filed with the Court**

[http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/da/Dennis\\_Rader/docs\\_filed\\_court.html](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/da/Dennis_Rader/docs_filed_court.html)

### **Criminal Complaint Filed**

<http://btk-profiles.blogspot.com/2005/03/suspect-is-charged.html>

Dennis L. Rader had his first appearance in court March 1, 2005. He was charged with ten counts of 1st degree premeditated murder. The public defender's office was appointed to represent him. He is being held in the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility in lieu of \$10,000,000 bail. His preliminary hearing for State of Kansas vs. Dennis L. Rader is now April 19, 2005.

## Who is Dennis L. Rader?

Dennis L. Rader (born March 9, 1945) lives in Park City, a Wichita suburb seven miles north of the city. Rader was born one of four brothers. He grew up in Wichita and graduated from Wichita Heights High School. Rader spent four years (1966–1970) in the U.S. Air Force as a mechanic, including time in South Korea, Turkey, Greece and Okinawa. He attended Wichita State in the fall of 1973. There he graduated in 1979 with a major in Administration of Justice. From 1974 to 1988, Rader worked at ADT Security Services, a home security company. Rader was the census field operations supervisor for the Wichita area for the 1990 federal census. Since 1990, Rader has worked as a supervisor of the Compliance Department at Park City. In this position, neighbors recalled him as sometimes overzealous and extremely strict. Rader served on both the Sedgwick County's Board of Zoning Appeals and the Animal Control Advisory Board (1996 - 1998). He had been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for about 30 years and had been elected president of the Congregation Council - a position he still holds as of March 15, 2005. He was a Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader for decades. Rader is married to Paula Dietz Rader. They have two adult children, Brian and Kerri (Rawson).

BTK Wichita Serial Killer: Dennis L. Rader

<http://btk-profiles.blogspot.com/2005/03/dennis-l-rader.html>

Who is Dennis L. Rader? 2001 interview/video, KSN

<http://www.ksn.com/news/stories/7036051.html>

Wikipedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTK\\_killer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BTK_killer)

BTK Photo Gallery

<http://members.dodo.com.au/kbears/btkphoto.htm>

The BTK Site

<http://www.freewebs.com/thebtksite/>

## **BTK Eludes Capture and Taunts Police for 31 years**

After 31 years of eluding capture, the Wichita police believe they have found the BTK Strangler. Dennis L. Rader of Park City, Kansas, a suburb of Wichita, was taken into custody on February 25, 2005. BTK who just resurfaced shortly after the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Otero murders had sent 11 communications between 2004 and 2005 – he finally slipped up. It is said police had a surveillance tape identifying Rader's vehicle in the parking lot of a Home Depot where BTK made a communications drop, found evidence on a computer CD tracing back to Rader's church in Wichita, and that they secretly obtained a 90% DNA match from a tissue sample in his daughter's medical records. Just 45 minutes after police start searching Rader's house, FBI agents were in Farmington, Michigan conducting an interview with Rader's 26 year-old daughter, Kerri. It is also said they obtained yet another DNA sample from her at that time, possibly to confirm that was in fact her DNA.

## **Computer Disk Led to Arrest in Killings, Pastor Says**

"Mr. Clark said that the police told him they used information on the computer disk in B.T.K.'s final mailing on Feb. 16 to trace it back to a computer at Christ Lutheran Church, where Mr. Clark is the pastor. Mr. Rader, the president of the church council, had used the church's computer a few weeks earlier, Mr. Clark said, to print the agenda for a council meeting he was to preside over. "I remember showing him how to use the computer, how to use the printer, because his wasn't working at home," said Mr. Clark, whose church office was searched by the police last week, a day before the police announced the arrest (March 2, 2005. Monica Davey, NY Times)."

## **Case Resources & Overviews**

Johnsonville Blogspot

<http://johnsville.blogspot.com/2004/04/btk-bind-torture-kill-strangler-info.html>

BTK Wichita Serial Killer:

<http://btk-profiles.blogspot.com/2005/02/case-resources-overviews.html>

Nightmare in Wichita: The Hunt for the BTK Strangler, Robert Beattie.

<http://nightmareinwichita.com>

## Jan. 15, 1974 - The Oteros

"WICHITA, Kansas \_ It was shortly after 8 a.m. on Jan. 15, 1974, that a man calling himself "BTK" nonchalantly entered a modest rambler at the edge of downtown. It was the home of Joseph and Julie Otero and their four children. Two of the youngsters already had left for school, the other two were preparing lunches. Within two hours everyone in the house was dead. At the end of that cold Midwest day, the two surviving children would return home...(12/14/87, The Seattle Times)." One of those surviving is Charlie Otero.

### Sorry Charlie The Documentary

Director Marc Levitz, UNSUB Films.

The trailer for this has been released. "This film presents the more human side of the story that began back in 1974 when the Otero's were murdered. The "...voyage will be illustrated through his eyes", Charlie Otero's eyes. Charlie, son of the Otero's, was interviewed extensively and cooperated on the production....This is a welcome, artistic and sensitive telling of those most intimately involved offsetting the campy, superficial media frenzy and lack of richer documentary accounts (btk-profiles.blogspot.com)."

<http://sorrycharliethedocumentary.com/>

### BTK Victims

Joseph, Julie, Josephine, & Joseph II Otero - 1974

Kathryn Bright - 1974

Shirley Vian - 1977

Nancy Fox - 1977

Marine Hedge- 1985

Vicki Wegerle - 1986

Delores Davis - 1991

BTK Victims, Survivors and Evidence Gallery

<http://members.dodo.com.au/~kbears/btkvictim.htm>

## **BTK Stands for Bind, Torture, and Kill**

The name BTK was chosen by the killer and stands for Bind, Torture, and Kill. Police believe BTK killed at least ten people in or around Wichita, Kansas, between 1974 and 1991. Police already suspected BTK of committing at least seven heinous murders between 1974 a 1977. In the early years, BTK communicated frequently in a bizarre fashion with the media attempting to gain notoriety, report and detail his own crimes, give himself a name, and make demands. Known early communications include

**10/12/74** - A call was placed by BTK to Don Granger of the Eagle-Beacon's Secret Witness Program regarding a letter about the Otero murders placed in a mechanical eng. text at the library. Granger called the police and they retrieved it. The letter was subsequently published by another local paper, the Wichita Sun, surreptitiously against the wishes of the Wichita police.

**12/09/77** - BTK placed a 911 call reporting the Nancy Fox homicide. The call was traced to a local Wichita pay phone. In 1979, this taped phone conversation was air by a local TV station, KAKE.

**2/11/78** - BTK sent a package containing bizarre contents; a letter claiming seven homicides with the infamous phrase "How about some name for me, it's time", a poem ("Oh! Death to Nancy"), and a sketch. Additionally, Rose Stanley, who was an anchorwoman at KAKE-TV in Wichita in 1977, said she was the target of one of the Strangler's letters. In the letter, BTK said "I'm gonna get that news lady""

For more see:

BTK Wichita Serial Killer: BTK's Early Communications

<http://btk-profiles.blogspot.com/2005/03/btks-early-communications.html>

## **"An Inch Thick Document for a Couple Of \$25 Dog Fines!!"**

2/28/05 – from CNN NEWSNIGHT with Aaron Brown

(transcripts link)

FREED: Danny Saville is a lawyer who challenged Dennis Rader in court a few years ago.

SAVILLE: He was very, very focused on winning.

FREED: So focused, Seville says, that Rader had prepared an inch thick document complete with photos for a couple of \$25 dog fines.

SAVILLE: I could see him killing a dog in a heartbeat. I mean he was a dog catcher, you know, and he seemed very cold, very meticulous.

### **Suspect in 10 Murders: A Stickler for Living by the Rules**

"He looked for absolutely everything, and he must have enforced every rule there ever was - just because he could, I guess," said Barbara Walters, 69, a retired auditor for the Internal Revenue Service, who challenged a \$25 ticket that Mr. Rader had issued in August 1998, saying her dog, Shadow, was running loose...Ms. Walters's lawyer said that Mr. Rader arrived for court more prepared than some lawyers are for murder trials, bearing a lengthy file on Shadow, a videotape of the dog and a complicated system of notebook tabs linking the accusations to his evidence. Mr. Rader, and his pile of paper, won. (March 6, 2005. Monica Davey, NY Times)."

### **BTK Forums**

Kansas.com: BTK Strangler

[http://forums.prospero.com/n/mb/listsf.asp?webtag=kr-kansas\\_news&ctx=262144](http://forums.prospero.com/n/mb/listsf.asp?webtag=kr-kansas_news&ctx=262144)

Crime and Justice: BTK Strangler

<http://p216.ezboard.com/fcrimeandjustice13552frm100>

BTK Killer: Websleuths.com

<http://websleuths.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=56>

CatchBTK.com

<http://www.catchbtk.com/cgi-bin/discus/discus.cgi>

AMW BTK Forum

<http://forums.prospero.com/foxamw>

## BTK Breaks his Silence: Communications 2004 - 2005

BTK was silent for many years and thought to be dead, incarcerated, or to have moved away. In 2004, he started sending communications again much to everyone's surprise and chagrin. March 17, 2004, BTK sends his first communication to the Wichita Eagle - a letter with a photocopy of Vicki Wegerle's driver's license and three pictures of the crime scene. It has a bizarre return addressee: Bill Thomas Killman. Communication 2 is received May 5th by KAKE-TV; a letter, word search puzzle, list of chapters - "The BTK Story" copycatted from Crime Library's chapters, photocopies of a badge and two ID cards from Southwestern Bell and the Wichita schools. The next communication is June 1; a letter about the Otero murders, not publicly released. Communication 4, July 17, is a letter left in the drop box at the Wichita Public Library - police have not revealed what was in this communication. Then, BTK left a manila envelope in a UPS drop box at the Omni Center in Wichita containing a letter, BTK's biography, pictures, and 'names' on October 21st.

It appears he was frustrated that these were not becoming public. In December, BTK called a 7-11 giving directions to a package in Murdock Park, but police could not find it. It was found a week later by a man walking through the park. It contains a number of items but most bizarre was a PJ doll, circa 1969 -1985. The doll had a bag over its head & its hand and feet bound by panty hose. There were five communication in early 2005 starting January 8, most notably a Post Toasties box (weighted with a brick on top, leaning against a road sign in the country), requests to place ads in the local paper to communicate, and a postcard with the addressee 'Happ Kakemann' (referring to a character that was once on KAKE-TV in the 70's). The February 16 communication contained the infamous computer disk that helped lead to Dennis Rader.

BTK: 2004-2005 Communications

<http://btk-profiles.blogspot.com/2005/03/btk-2004-2005-communications.html>

xxx ADULT TALK xxx (http://)

BTK's Last Communication 2005 (http://)