

Does Bundy have answers to more than 30 killings?

Public may never know
as execution date nears

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Convicted killer Theodore "Ted" Bundy, scheduled to die in the electric chair July 2 for the murder of three young Florida women, probably will carry to the grave solutions to more than 30 unsolved deaths. That is the opinion of former Thurston County Sheriff Don Redmond, now a security guard at the state Senate.

Bundy is a suspect in the deaths of some 34 young women in four states, including eight in this state.

The bodies of two 14-year-olds, Katherine Merry Devine, Seattle, and Brenda Joy Baker, Maple Park, were found in Thurston County.

The former Washington state law student also is a suspect in the 1974 disappearance from The Evergreen State College campus of 19-year-old Donna Gail Manson of Auburn. All the known deaths and disappearances took place between 1973 and 1978.

Redmond, who was sheriff at the time

Manson disappeared and the bodies of Devine and Baker were found, said, "I



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think he (Bundy) is as cunning as any person we, and by that I mean lawmen in the Northwest, ever had to deal with — with the possible exception of the Green River killer."

"I'm pretty certain Bundy is the one involved in the

Devine case," Redmond said in an interview.

The girl had hitchhiked out of Seattle Nov. 25, 1973, and classmates had seen her boarding a white pickup truck. She was found 11 days later, stabbed to death, in Margaret McKenny Park in the Capitol Forest.

Redmond said he didn't definitely tie Bundy to the crime until, three years later, when thumbing through photos belonging to the suspect he saw a picture of a white pickup truck.

"We didn't know until then that Bundy had a white truck."

Later Redmond learned the suspect had

used the truck often in traveling between Seattle and Olympia.

The second possible Bundy victim found in Thurston County, Brenda Joy Baker, left home May 25, 1974, hitchhiking. Her body was found June 17 in an isolated corner of Millersylvania State Park.

Redmond said the chances are slim that Bundy will make any last-minute confessions of guilt in any of the unsolved cases.

"My feeling about Bundy," Redmond said, "is he has to come out on top. In mind he'll come out on top if he does cop out on anything. If he thought could get a stay (of execution) in order clean up some of the old crimes, he might use it (a confession) as a last resort. But I doubt it."

Redmond said, "He wouldn't talk to me. In both the Manson and Baker cases we can't prove anything other than the circumstances. After he became a good suspect in both cases, he refused to talk."

The former sheriff bemoans the fact he had no opportunity to interview Bundy the local crimes. He says he's convinced he'd had the chance, he could have taken the suspect directly to them.

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Bundy admits, Ted, murders

Victims' families say, 'kill him'

SEATTLE (AP) — The confessions of Ted Bundy provided some relief to families of young women he bludgeoned to death 15 years ago, and added to their resolve that his date with Florida's electric chair should be kept.

Eleanor Rose of the south Seattle suburb of Burien, mother of Denise Naslund, said late Saturday she had believed for many years Bundy was the man who killed her daughter.

"But this is to really know," she said, adding state authorities called her Friday night to tell her of Bundy's confessions to Robert Keppel, chief criminal investigator with the Washington state attorney general's office.

For the parents of Susan Rancourt, who

was a Central Washington University student in Ellensburg during the "Ted" killings of 1974, the confession helps write the final chapter to a tragedy.

"It's like a big puzzle that's been going on for...years for us," said Dale Rancourt, of LaConner. "There (were) two pieces left. ... One was the absolute, absolute, from the words of the perpetrator. The other will be his execution, and then the puzzle is complete."

Both families were hopeful there would be no further delays in the execution.

"When this is over, I think we can finally start the end of the healing process," said Vivian Rancourt. "It's been an open wound for 15 years, and every time we think it's settling down, something happens. There will always be that loss that we cannot replace, but at least we can put it all together."

Bundy was sentenced to death nine years ago in Florida, but dates for carry-



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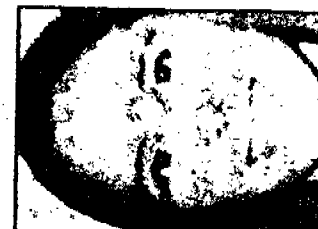
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ing that sentence out have been delayed many times.

Mrs. Rose said word of Bundy's confession affected her deeply.

"I was in a state of shock, I could hardly breathe," she said. "Then full realization swept over me and I felt a hatred even stronger than I had ever felt before.

"I can hardly wait for Tuesday to come."

She said Bundy would not let go of her over the years, as her life revolved around his endless appeals. "It's like he completely governed my life, my existence. Just waiting, waiting."

The confessions of Ted Bundy didn't surprise those who have studied him over the years.

"He is so egotistical, that I think we've always felt that when it came to the final moment, he would go out with verbal glory, if nothing else," said Mrs. Rancourt.

Ann Rule, author of a book on Bundy titled "The Stranger Beside Me," said Saturday that detectives, for Bundy, are "the perfect audience" to show how clever he had been.

Donald Blackburn, father of Janice Ott, who was taken from Lake Sammamish State Park the same day as Ms. Naslund, told the Seattle Times in a copyright article that Bundy's confession hadn't changed anything for him.

Rosemary Arnaud, mother of Brenda Ball, who disappeared outside a Burien tavern in 1974, said she also knew it was Bundy.

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Few favor delaying death to hear Bundy

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Seattle relatives of two dead women say they don't care whether Ted Bundy's offer to tell all to police is rejected. But the mother of a third wants to hear what he has to say.

With Bundy facing execution Tuesday in Florida for the slaying of a 12-year-old girl in 1978, an attorney for the former Tacoma resident and University of Washington student sought a reprieve of as long as three years to give him time to talk with investigators about as many as 36 un-

solved sex-related killings or disappearances of young women.

But Florida Gov. Bob Martinez says the triple murderer is just trying to foil justice.

"I know that he has basically lied through this entire process and why anyone would believe he would tell the truth now is beyond me," Martinez said. "We're not going to have the system manipulated."

Washington, D.C., attorney James Coleman filed a petition in state Circuit

Court on Bundy's behalf late Wednesday, which Judge Wallace M. Jopling was to hear at 9 a.m. today.

Bundy's civil attorney, Diana Weiner of Sarasota, on Wednesday told the governor's death-penalty lawyer, Andrea Smith Hillyer, that Bundy was committed to revealing all he knew about unsolved murders. Weiner didn't specify which cases.

"Ted Bundy feels morally compelled as he faces death to do the right thing in terms of resolving any investigations," she said. "While it may satisfyingly close the

book on the Bundy cases, the immediate execution will effectively cripple law enforcement agencies around the country."

Bundy has insisted he is innocent of an murder.

Bob Keppel of the Washington state attorney general's office has told Florida officials he wants to talk with Bundy, who has been linked to eight killings in the state, some with ties to Thurston County.

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Evergreen State College, Donna Manson, as well as in two other unsolved deaths in the area. The bodies of two 14-year-olds, Katherine Merry Devine, Seattle, and Brenda Joy Baker, Maple Park, were found in Thurston County.

Bundy has expressed interest in talking about Washington murders.

The first was Lynda Ann Healy of Bellevue, who vanished Feb. 1, 1974, from a rooming house near the university. Her bones and those of three other young women were found in March 1975 on Taylor Mountain, about 20 miles east of Seattle.

Her brother, Robert Healey, 34, said Wednesday he hoped Bundy would be executed on schedule.

"What difference does it make?" Healey said. "She's already dead."

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"I don't like to see anybody be put to death... but if anybody deserves it, he does," he added. "I don't think there's any doubt about what happened in Seattle and that Bundy was connected."

Robert Blackburn said he had waited a long time for justice since his daughter, Janice Ott of Issaquah, was abducted from Lake Sammamish State Park in the suburbs east of Seattle in July 1974. Her remains and those of Denise Naslund, who vanished from the same park the same day, were found together two months later on a densely wooded hillside several miles away.

"It's been almost 15 years since I lost my girl," he said.

"I would not like to see a delay," Blackburn said. "I think this is one more delaying tactic on the part of Mr. Bundy to avoid execution, and I feel he should be executed."

Eleanor Rose, Naslund's mother, said she would favor a

dy were willing to provide conclusive information. Haunted by the killing, she has kept her daughter's room much as she left it.

"I would like to have him confess," she said.

She said she was convinced Bundy was responsible, "but I would like to him hear say, 'I did murder your daughter,'" she added. "I'd have a lot more peace of mind if he would."

The FBI's National Center for Violent Crime in Quantico, Va., also wants to interview Bundy, authorities said.

In Utah, Salt Lake County Sheriff Pete Hayward said he is sending Detective Dennis Couch to Florida Saturday morning in hopes of interviewing Bundy, a former University of Utah law student. But Salt Lake Detective Dennis Couch said Bundy told officials Wednesday he would not meet with him.

A Colorado investigator was en route to see if Bundy can provide information on the disappearances or deaths of at least three women in that state.

Confessions: Shocking details'

SEATTLE (AP) Theodore Bundy has revealed some shocking details but withheld many others on the slaying of 11 women he has confessed to having killed in Washington state, an investigator said.

Bob Keppel, an investigator for the state attorney general's office, said that in weekend interviews at the Florida State Prison, Bundy had lost his trademark self-confidence and was literally quivering in fear for his life.

"It was shocking for me to see him in that state," said Keppel, who has interviewed Bundy twice at the prison in recent years. "I've never seen him like that."

In 1983, Keppel had predicted that Bundy "would never talk until he felt that he's done everything possible that could be done as far as anything legal goes."

In weekend interviews, Bundy refused to name three Washington state victims he said he had killed in addition to the eight to which he had confessed, nor would he explain his choice of victims or motivation, saying he would answer those questions only if his execution were delayed, Keppel said.

"He's begging for his life. He's fighting for his life," Keppel said. "He said he was scared to die."

Keppel said Bundy revealed for the first time that it was the remains of Georgann Hawkins, a University of Washington student, that were found with those of two previously identified victims in September 1974 east of Issaquah.

"We had accepted her death, and now it starts all over," said Edith Hawkins, the victim's

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mother, in a telephone interview from her home in Arizona. "I have hoped and prayed that I would outlive him, and I hope he dies on Tuesday."

The Hawkins slaying was the only one Bundy discussed in detail, providing "some real graphic details" that may never be revealed to the public, Keppel said.

"These were shocking to me," he added.

Washington state Attorney General Ken Eikenberry said Sunday he would have nothing to do with any attempt to delay Bundy's execution Tuesday morn-

ing for the slaying of 12-year-old Kimberly Leach in 1978

In a telephone interview from his home in Olympia, Eikenberry said he was convinced of Bundy's guilt in the eight Washington state murders, although charges never were filed.

Keppel told reporters he wanted to question Bundy about the death of Ann Marie Burr, 11, who vanished from her bedroom during a rainstorm on Aug. 31, 1961; Carol Valenzuela, 20, who disappeared in August 1974 from Vancouver and whose remains were found in Yacolt in northeastern Clark County; an unidentified woman in her late teens or early 20s whose remains were found a few miles south of Olympia; and a 15-year-old Olympia girl. Officials in

Thurston County said this morning they had no knowledge of such a 15-year-old Olympia victim.

Bundy also is a suspect in the 1974 disappearance of Donna Manson, a 19-year-old student at The Evergreen State College, as well as in two other unsolved deaths in the area. The bodies of two 14-year-olds, Katherine Merry Devine, Seattle, and Brenda Joy Baker, Maple Park, were found in Thurston County.

As of late Sunday, Keppel said he had been unable to ask about the Burr case in 1961.

In addition, the Seattle Times reported Sunday that Bundy was maintaining he might not be responsible for some of the slayings in which he has been suspected, such as the Valenzuela case.

Questions over the number of deaths arose largely because Bundy was "extremely good about not leaving physical evidence at the scene of the crime," author Ann Rule of Seattle said Sunday.

Rule, author of "The Stranger Beside Me," a book on Bundy, said that in most cases there was only circumstantial evidence too thin to use in court.

Bundy was a 15-year-old newspaper carrier whose route took him near — but not to — the Burr home in 1961.

Donald Burr, the girl's father, recalled in an interview with the Morning News Tribune that within an hour after he found her missing, he encountered a youth standing near a University of Puget Sound construction pit.

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Bundy dies in electric chair

Execution writes last chapter in killer's book

By Scott Martelle
Gannett News Service

STARKE, Fla. — Confessed serial killer Ted Bundy, 42, asked that his love be given to his family and friends, and then was executed in Florida State Prison this morning.

Several hundred supporters of the death penalty gathered in a pasture across the road from the prison, and a few minutes after 7 a.m. local time they erupted in cheers. Bundy was executed at 7:06 a.m. (4:06 a.m. PST).

About 10 minutes later, reporters who had witnessed the execution emerged from the execution chamber and waved at other reporters gathered across the road in a traditional Florida sign that the execution had been carried

out.

Florida Department of Corrections spokesman Bob Macmaster said Bundy showed little physical response as the 2,000 volts of electricity were sent through his body.

The execution ended the life of a man who alternately fascinated and repulsed America, a man of cunning intelligence and deadly obsessions who admitted over the weekend to killing at least 20 young women. He is suspected in the killings and disappearances of at least another 16 victims.

The Tacoma, Wash., native has confessed to killing 11 women in Western Washington, although authorities have evidence linking him to only eight. One was a student at The Ever-

green State College in Olympia.

But he died for the death 12-year-old Kimberly Leach of Lake City, Fla., about 25 miles from the prison.

On the eve of his death, Bundy met with religious broadcaster Dr. James C. Dobson, who also was a member of Attorney General Edwin Meese's pornography commission. Dobson videotaped a one-hour interview with Bundy Monday afternoon.

Dobson said that in the interview, Bundy admitted he was responsible for an unspecified number of sex slayings, and that an obsession with pornography fueled his passion.

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He also said he was sorry for the killings, and that society had a right to protect itself from people such as him, Dobson said.

But Dobson said Bundy also warned that there are people with similar problems to his roaming freely.

"You are going to kill me at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, and that will protect society from me," Dobson quoted Bundy as saying Monday. "But you are doing nothing about (the others)."

Dobson said Bundy told him that he was consumed with guilt for six months after the first killing, but that as he killed more, the guilt lessened.

But the guilt returned as Bundy awaited death in the Florida State Prison in Starke. Dobson said Bundy was overcome at times with emotion and could not answer some questions about the specifics of the killings.

At 6 p.m. Monday, prison workers shaved Bundy's head and right leg. He showered and was dressed in a light blue shirt and dark blue trousers, Macmaster said.

Bundy spent most of the night with a Methodist minister, and refused a last meal of steak, eggs and hashbrowns.

Shortly before 7 a.m., he was led into the execution chamber. Macmaster said Bundy entered under his own power, but state Rep. Randy Mackey said it appeared Bundy needed support for the final steps.

At 7:04 a.m., Bundy was strapped into the chair, facing the witnesses from behind a glass wall. After he was strapped in, Mackey said, Bundy made eye contact with each of the observers.

Mackey said that after Bundy gave his

stopped. I owe it to myself and maybe to some people across the street."

But there was little concern among the death penalty supporters for the people across the street.

"The judges, the people that's protesting (the execution), they should be burned right along with him," said Geraldine Stamper, 46, of Lake City, as the red streaks of dawn burned flames into the eastern sky.

Dan Quinn thought so much of the event he bundled up his wife and their two children and drove to the prison from Jacksonville, 50 miles away.

love to his family, he was overcome and couldn't continue. Then the chin strap and black veil were placed on his head, and he was electrocuted.

Outside, crowds had been gathering all night. There were about 30 protesters against capital punishment, but more than 300 people calling for the execution.

Both camps talked with reporters and waved banners and placards for camera crews.

"I'm here to point out that I don't like this one bit," said Nanda Rogers, 22, of Orlando. "I'd like to see it

Long wait for justice ends: 'It came 10 years too late'

By Brad Sevetson
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Justice was finally served this morning with the execution of serial killer Ted Bundy, said Thurston County residents interviewed this morning by The Olympian.

"Terrific," said Susan Slate, 21, Olympia, as she went into Hawks Prairie Inn this morning. "I don't believe in the death penalty, but in this case I'm making an exception. He's a maniac. Finally for it and I'm a liberal Democrat."

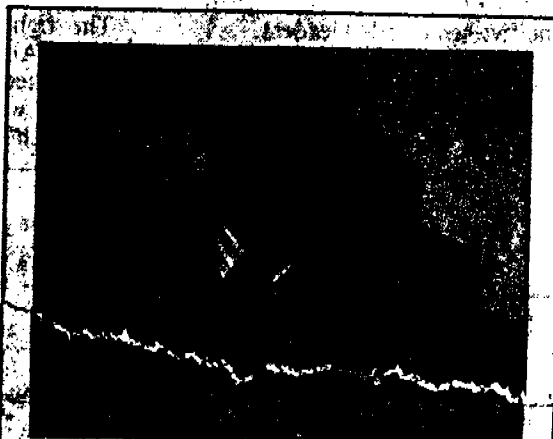
In fact, none of those interviewed spoke out against Bundy's execution. Although some said they disagree with the death penalty, even they were willing to make an exception for Bundy given his long string of appeals and admission of guilt.

"It's about time that the justice system finally worked," said Mike Gioimo, 47, who owns an Olympia-based software company. "It took 10 years to finally exhaust appeals and all that. I think the justice system is vindicated more than anything else -- he didn't get away."

"I think it's the best thing that has happened," said Dean Look, 35, of Shelton. "I just think it came 10 years too late."

Mitch Ruth, president of the Washington State Corrections Department Employees' Association, said his department sees people like Bundy all the time in prisons. "It's well deserved," he said of the execution as he waited for his breakfast at Arnold's Restaurant on Capitol Way in Olympia.

"I'm so glad its over," said a data entry clerk



Don Redmond The Olympian
Former Sheriff Don Redmond.

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finishing a cup of coffee at Arnold's who identified herself as Mrs. Yode. "It's about time."

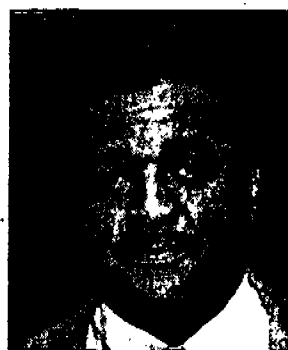
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Another Arnold's customer, Jim Wavada, an insurance commissioner from Spokane, said, "I'm usually against the death penalty, but this time, who cares."

"Actually, I'm somewhat surprised at how blunt people are about it in Western Washington," Wavada said. "It's also interesting that this execution didn't attract Amnesty International or other groups that are opposed to the death penalty."

Marion DeLauria of Hoquiam, who had just placed an order at Bayview Market Place deli, said she is not sure she believes in the death penalty. "On one hand, I'm relieved, but on the other hand, it is very sad to see any human death celebrated."

"I'm glad he's gone," said David Craine, 37. "We've waited a long time for this. The families of the victims can finally put this to rest."

At the Plum Street Rib Eye next to the Carriage Inn motel, Ray Craft, a systems manager from Renton, said he is glad that Bundy was executed. His breakfast companion, Dick Padilla, a management consultant from California,

echoed Craft's sentiments. "I feel good about it," Padilla said.

Tauna Bauer, Chehalis, a waitress and cashier at the Carriage Inn, said that she feels the execution is long overdue. "It should have happened a long time ago," she said.

Before going into the Carriage Inn for breakfast, Ivor McCray said, "I think it's a shame that the system didn't come to this conclusion sooner. They could have eliminated some of the cost to the taxpayers and some of the grief to the families of Bundy's victims."

"I'm glad they did it," said Freida Harvey, a waitress at Bailey's Motor Inn on Martin Way in Olympia. "I got up at 4 o'clock this morning and turned my TV on. At 20 minutes after 4 they said he had been executed." "It was too much of a media event," Reta Wild, 26, of Olympia, said as she drank coffee at Bailey's. "Everybody should have known he was going to get wiped out. I think society did a good thing when they wiped him out — one less weirdo on the street. He would have escaped."

"As far as I'm concerned I think he got what he deserved," said Joe Fuller from his seat at Denny's Restaurant on Martin Way. "He got his year in court. It's time for it to be over — all the suffering that he caused."