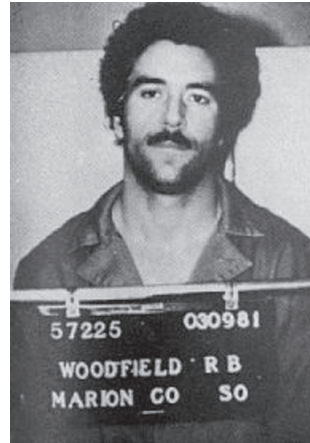


THE I-5 KILLER

RANDALL BRENT WOODFIELD IS AN American serial killer. Today he is more notoriously known as the I-5 Killer, a namesake he acquired from the media due to crimes he committed along the Interstate 5 corridor that meanders through the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. Currently, Woodfield is serving time at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, Oregon. Although he was convicted of only one murder, authorities have linked him to eighteen other murders and believe he may have killed as many as 44 others during his reign of terror on the West Coast.



Woodfield was born in 1950 to a prominent family in Newport, Oregon. He began displaying abnormal behaviors as a teenager and was arrested during his high school years for sexual misconduct, exposing himself to a group of teenage girls. But his football coaches helped conceal the incident to prevent him from being ousted from the team. His parents insisted that he attend therapy.

Considered a standout athlete, Woodfield played football during his high school years, and later in college for the Portland State Vikings. His coaches described him as a nice kid, gentle and quiet, and former teammates remembered him as being ‘soft-spoken’ and kind of a loner with not many friends. During his years at Portland State, Woodfield was arrested several times for petty crimes and again in 1973 for public indecency.

In 1974, he chose to drop out of college with only three semesters remaining to earn his B.S. in physical education. That same year, Woodfield was selected in the NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers in the 17th round (428th pick) as a wide receiver. He signed a contract in February 1974 and tried out under the watchful eye of head coach and general manager Dan Devine.

It is here where the ties between Randy Woodfield, the I-5 Killer, and Oshkosh, Wisconsin crossed paths...