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## Robert Black

<b>BIRTH</b>	21 Apr 1947 Grangemouth, Falkirk, Scotland
<b>DEATH</b>	12 Jan 2016 (aged 68) Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland
<b>BURIAL</b>	Cremated, Specifically: There were no mourners, and the following month his ashes were scattered at sea “without ceremony beyond these shores”.
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	192898164 ·

Robert Black was a notorious child killer who is known to have murdered at least four young girls and was suspected of murdering Genette Tate who disappeared from near her Devon home in 1978, even though at thirteen she was quite a bit older than most of his other victims.

Black worked as a delivery driver travelling widely, something that gave him ample opportunity to snatch victims off the street. He was brought to book in July 1990 when after kidnapping his final victim, the six year old daughter of a police officer, he was spotted by an alert citizen in the village of Stow. David Herkes reported the abduction at once, and the police were on the scene within minutes. Then the van was driven back through the village, and when it was stopped, one of the officers found his own daughter bound and gagged in the back.

This arrest led to substantial legal proceedings against Black, and had he lived he would probably have stood trial for the murder of Genette Tate as well. Four years later he stood trial for three murders and other offences. In 2011, he was tried for the murder of a girl in Northern Ireland, and was again convicted. He is believed to have murdered young girls on the Continent as well.

Robert Black had a difficult childhood that may have led in part to his offending, which started at an early age with his indecently assaulting young girls. He had no family, and

almost certainly no friends. Black died from a heart attack in Northern Ireland's high security Maghaberry Prison. His body was cremated on January 29, 2016. The service was conducted by the Reverend Rodney Cameron, a prison chaplain.

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