



1973 Gerard Schaefer, Deputy Sheriff, Martin County, Florida

“In addition to being heralded as the foremost killer of women in this century, I am also known as “The Sex Beast.” The media has reported that I hang women, have sexual experiences with their rotting corpses and then hack them into pieces with a machete.” Gerard Schaefer

pg 297 **Murder Behind the Badge** by Stacy Dittrich (2010)

In 1973, Gerard was convicted of murdering only two women, but he was a person of interest and most likely the perpetrator of at least 30 other murders, including murders of prostitutes, his favorite targets. According to Stacy Dittrich, author of **Murder Behind the Badge** (2010- Prometheus books), Schaefer was *“without a doubt the most vicious and heinous murderer to appear in the pages of this book, Schaefer would most likely laugh at the other officers who are included with him... in fact, to hear him speak of his crimes, one would think that he truly believed he was doing society a favor. He considered himself something like an angel of God, a self-proclaimed messiah put on earth to rid the world of all whores, sinners and disobedient women.”*

After he was convicted and sentenced to prison, he wrote several books, including one entitled **“Beyond Killer Fiction”** about a rogue cop who slaughters prostitutes.

In a letter he wrote to a missing persons agency, he said *“Since 1973, I’ve been linked to 170 dead and missing women on three continents... Depending on what book you read, I am credited with as few as 34 kills and as high as 170. All sources agree that I am unquestionably the most prolific killer of women between the years 1963 and 1973... Last year I had a letter from an old woman who read a crime tabloid story about how I’d killed roadside hookers by driving them out to a rented warehouse where they were murdered by hanging. The old lady wrote and wanted to know if I’d gotten her hooker daughter. As it turned out I had hanged the whores daughter. The old lady was glad to know the kid wasn’t walking around with amnesia...”*

On December 3, 1995, a fellow convicted murderer, Vincent Rivera, entered Schaefer’s cell and stabbed him upward of 40 times with a homemade shank. Rivera slit Schaefer’s throat and gouged out his eyes. Rivera did what the state of Florida did not do. He put an end to this murderous former law enforcement officer who thought he did the world a favor by killing whores.