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Biography

Dean Corll was never convicted of the murders of twenty-seven young boys in Houston, for the crime was only uncovered after Corll's accomplice shot him dead and then turned himself in to police. Corll was a Houston-area electrician who hosted parties for neighborhood children with the help of Elmer Wayne Henley, a teenager, in the suburb of Pasadena. In August of 1973, Henley and another accomplice, David Brooks, became angry with Corll, who had been paying them $200 for each boy they brought to the house. Henley turned on Corll and shot him six times; afterward, Henley confessed to police. He showed detectives Corll's torture room, where a wooden board with handcuffs was used to sodomize the young boys that Corll and his accomplices lured inside. A boat shed rented by Corll was found to contain the bodies of seventeen victims under its floorboards, and another ten were found at other burial sites. All died from strangulation or gunshot wounds and had been sexually assaulted and in some cases even mutilated. Henley was found guilty of murder in 1971 and sentenced to six 99-year prison terms.