

EVANS PLANS GUILTY PLEA TO CHARGE IN GIRL'S DEATH

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A Michigan native who claims **to** have slain enough people **to** be the nation's worst serial killer will plead **guilty to** federal kidnapping **charges in** the rape-strangulation of a 10- year-old girl, his lawyer said.

Donald Leroy **Evans** , 34, will enter the **plea in** federal court today, said lawyer Fred Lusk. **Evans** led police Aug. 11 **to** the body of Beatrice Louise Routh, who disappeared from a Gulfport, Miss., playground 10 days earlier.

Mississippi authorities on Friday charged **Evans** with murdering her. He was expected **to** appear **in** Harrison County Circuit Court on that **charge** this week.

After his arrest Aug. 5 near Covington, La., **Evans** confessed **to** killing more than 60 people **in** at least 21 states. If he is telling the truth, he would be the most prolific serial killer **in** U.S. history.

Evans , of Galveston, Texas, has so far been linked only **to** the **girl's** killing and two Florida homicides **in** 1985. Authorities have refused **to** say if any other information **Evans** provided **in** his confession has checked out.

On Friday, authorities **in** southwest Michigan debunked his confession **to** an unsolved 1977 murder **in** Van Buren County.

"He's just not familiar enough with the evidence," said Van Buren Sheriff Cal Rosema.

The Watervliet-born **Evans** said his killing spree began after his 1977 discharge from the Marines.

Evans faces a life prison sentence on the federal kidnapping **charge** and the **death** penalty if convicted of capital murder **in** Mississippi court. He is held without bond. His lawyer said **Evans** had told authorities he wants **to** die.

Also likely **to** appear **in** court this week is Beatrice's mother, Tami Jean Giles. Police said Friday that Giles knew **Evans** wanted her child for sex. She is held on \$15,000 bond, charged with accessory before the fact of sexual battery, authorities said.

Caption: Photo

Donald **Evans** ***

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