

MAN ADMITS 60 KILLINGS ACROSS NATION

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BILOXI, Miss. -- A man accused of kidnapping and slaying a homeless 10-year-old girl has told investigators he killed more than 60 people across the country -- including in **Michigan** -- over 10 years, a newspaper said today.

Fred Lusk, court-appointed attorney for Donald Leroy Evans, told the Sun Herald of Biloxi the count could go higher, but investigators "have what we believe is all he can recall in detail at the present time."

If Evans' claims prove true, he would be responsible for more slayings than any known **serial killer**.

Earlier, a prosecutor said Evans, 34, of Galveston, Texas, admitted he sexually assaulted and killed at least six women in Florida, Illinois and Texas before 1987.

Evans asked for the death sentence in exchange for cooperating, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Golden said after a Monday hearing in U.S. District Court. "He begged me to give him the death penalty," Golden said.

Evans was being held without bond on a federal kidnapping charge in the Aug. 1 abduction of Beatrice Louise Routh from a Gulfport, Miss., beach.

State authorities had not charged Evans with the girl's murder Tuesday. He led police to her body Sunday.

Lusk told the paper that Evans has claimed murder victims in Alabama, Arizona, California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, **Michigan**, South Dakota, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina and maybe Georgia.

Only three of the killings, including that of Beatrice, have been confirmed, Lusk said, but two slayings in Florida in 1985 "basically match in detail what Evans told investigators."

Evans told investigators the killings began about 1977 after he was released from the Marine Corps, Lusk said.

Lusk said that according to Evans, the death toll included men, but he said that most of the victims were women, "probably a lot of, if not a majority" of whom were sexually assaulted.

Evans said many of the victims were prostitutes, Lusk said.

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