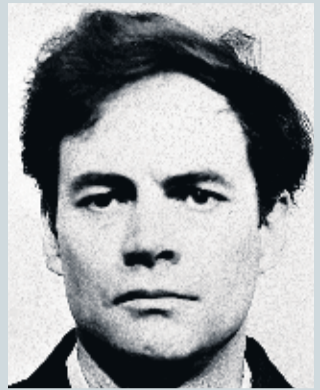


CHILD KILLER MAY HAVE BEEN UK'S MOST PROLIFIC

Black's 16 victims



CREMATED Donald Neilson

I cannot bury Genette... so why must we pay for him?

EXCLUSIVE BY LOUIE SMITH NEWS that Robert Black's funeral is set to be at taxpayers' expense was met with outrage.

John Tate, 73, the father of Black's suspected murder victim Genette, 13, said: "I am disgusted."

"Why the hell should decent people have to fork out for this evil man to be put in the ground?" he asked.

"All we ever wanted was to find Genette and give her a proper Christian burial."

"All we have is a plaque in a churchyard - nothing else."

Genette was last seen in Aylesbeare, Devon, in 1978.

John, who now lives in Manchester, said: "I wasn't that bothered whether Black had gone on trial for her murder, just as long as he told us where he had left her."

"On his deathbed he could have provided us with some light at the end of a very dark tunnel."

"I pleaded with the man but he never responded. So why should decent people respond to his wish to have a State-sponsored funeral and plot? He doesn't deserve anything."

Black died in jail near Lisburn, Northern Ireland, and the law states prisons must offer "reasonable funeral expenses".

In recent years taxpayers have been left to pick up the bill for the funerals of Black Panther Donald Neilson and Raymond Morris, who became known as the Monster of Cannock Chase.

The funeral and cremation of Neilson, who died in 2011 at the age of 75, cost £1,325.

He shot three people dead in post office robberies and kidnapped heiress Lesley Whittle, 17, who was later found dead in a drainage shaft, her neck tethered to a wire noose.

In 2014 the taxpayer funded the £2,686 funeral of Morris, who died at the age of 84. The bill included £15 for flowers.

He raped and strangled a girl of seven and was suspected of killing two more, their bodies all found on Cannock Chase, Staffs.



FLOWERS Morris

EXCLUSIVE BY RUSSELL MYERS

EVIL Robert Black is feared to have murdered as many as 16 children in a monstrous 18-year spree - making him Britain's most prolific child killer.

Distressing new evidence links a dozen more child murders across the UK and Europe to the pervert, who died aged 68 this week serving 12 life terms for killing four schoolgirls.

He always refused to co-operate with police about other killings and took his sick secrets to the grave.

But a cold case expert said yesterday that an informant who knew Black said he "revealed information only a guilty man could have known" about a number of other child murders.

If Black's guilt is proved it would make him the most prolific child serial killer in modern British criminal history - slaughtering more than Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, who had five victims aged 10 to 17, as did Fred and Rose West.

Cold case review expert Chris Clark, a former police intelligence officer who worked on dozens of missing child cases, said: "In my opinion Black was the only real suspect in these cases and more."



MONSTER We told of his death yesterday

Yesterday the Mirror told how police were just weeks from charging him with the 1978 murder of Genette Tate, 13, of Aylesbeare, Devon, when he died on Tuesday of natural causes.

Now evidence shows he was in the right place at the right time to have murdered 11 more from 1969 to 1987.

Driving a delivery van from 1972 to 1990 he had the opportunity to target kids, leaving little trace as he regularly crossed Britain and ventured into France, Germany and the Netherlands.

The informant, named John, used to drink with Black when he lived in Stoke Newington, North London.

He said the maniac reeled off "eight or nine" names, including girls missing at the time.

They included April Fabb, 13, who vanished

NEW EVIDENCE Expert Mr Clark



THE CASES LINKED TO ROBERT BLACK

- 1 Black connected to the case
- 6 Black convicted of murder



1 April Fabb, 13
April 1969: She was cycling from her home in Metton, Norfolk, to give her brother-in-law a birthday present

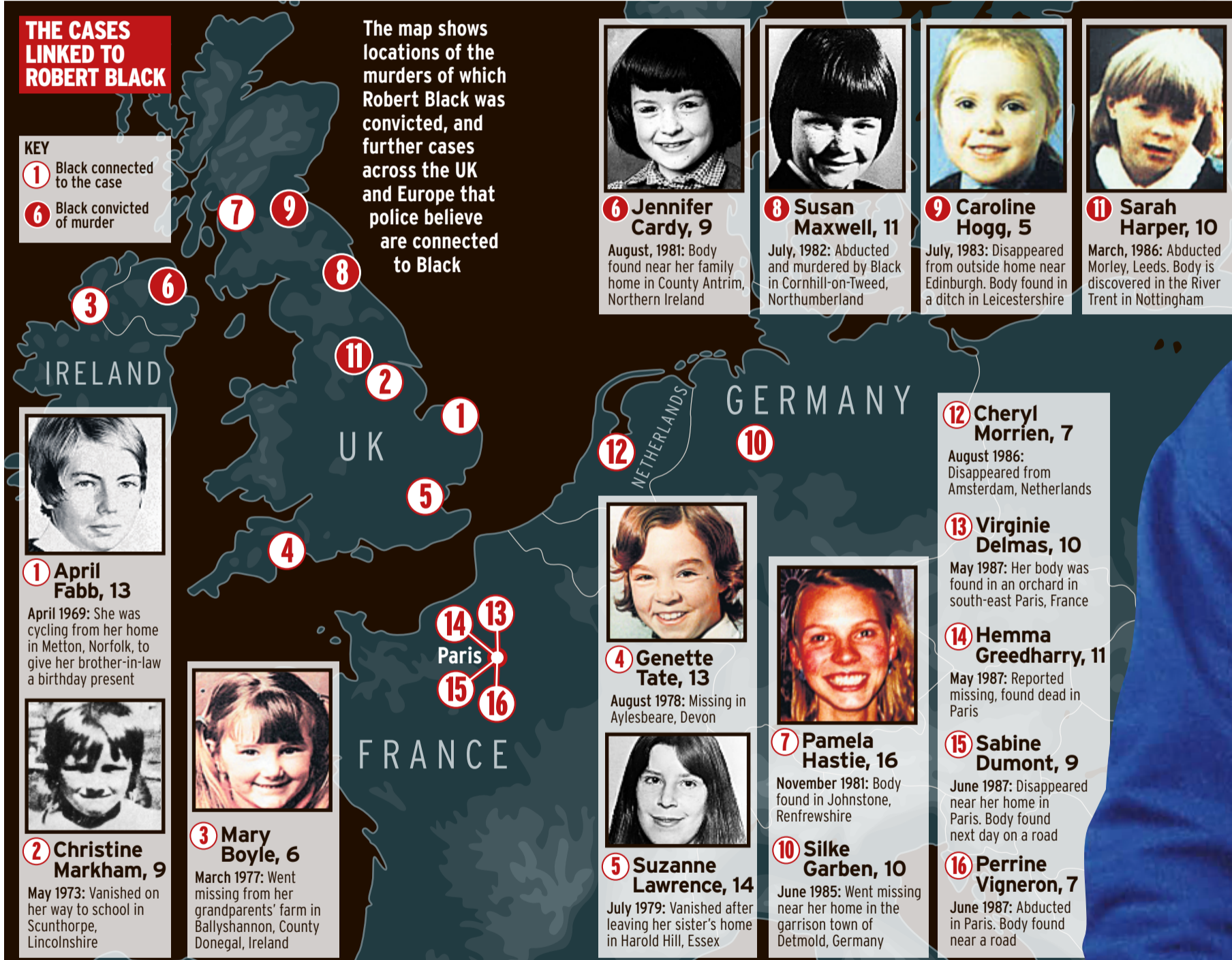


2 Christine Markham, 9
May 1973: Vanished on her way to school in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire



3 Mary Boyle, 6
March 1977: Went missing from her grandparents' farm in Ballyshannon, County Donegal, Ireland

The map shows locations of the murders of which Robert Black was convicted, and further cases across the UK and Europe that police believe are connected to Black



6 Jennifer Cardy, 9
August, 1981: Body found near her family home in County Antrim, Northern Ireland



8 Susan Maxwell, 11
July, 1982: Abducted and murdered by Black in Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland



9 Caroline Hogg, 5
July, 1983: Disappeared from outside home near Edinburgh. Body found in a ditch in Leicestershire



11 Sarah Harper, 10
March, 1986: Abducted from Morley, Leeds. Body is discovered in the River Trent in Nottingham



4 Genette Tate, 13
August 1978: Missing in Aylesbeare, Devon



7 Pamela Hastie, 16
November 1981: Body found in Johnstone, Renfrewshire



5 Suzanne Lawrence, 14
July 1979: Vanished after leaving her sister's home in Harold Hill, Essex

10 Silke Garben, 10
June 1985: Went missing near her home in the garrison town of Detmold, Germany

12 Cheryl Morrien, 7
August 1986: Disappeared from Amsterdam, Netherlands

13 Virginie Delmas, 10
May 1987: Her body was found in an orchard in south-east Paris, France

14 Hemma Greedharry, 11
May 1987: Reported missing, found dead in Paris

15 Sabine Dumont, 9
June 1987: Disappeared near her home in Paris. Body found next day on a road

16 Perrine Vigner, 7
June 1987: Abducted in Paris. Body found near a road

near home in Metton, Norfolk in 1969. Black was quizzed several times about her but would not co-operate.

John said Black even told him about missing children who never made headlines, including Suzanne Lawrence, 14, of Harold Hill, Essex, missing since 1979.

Another was Christine Markham, nine, who disappeared in Scunthorpe in 1973.

Black was heavily linked to the disappearance of Mary Boyle, six, from her grandparents' farm in Ballyshannon, Donegal

in 1977. Another was the murder of Pamela Hastie, 16, whose mutilated body was found in Johnstone, Renfrewshire in 1981.

Mr Clark also unearthed evidence over more than five years of research linking Black to at least six murders in Germany, France and Holland.

The killing of 10-year-old Silke Garben in Detmold, Germany appears most strongly to bear his hallmarks. Silke vanished near her home in 1985 at a time Black was working nearby delivering posters for London-based firm Poster Dispatch and Storage.

Her body was found days later. She had been sexually assaulted, strangled and left by the side of a road.

Detectives also believed Black was responsible for the abduction and

murder of Cheryl Morrien, seven, in Amsterdam, Netherlands in 1986.

UK and French police also wanted to examine Black's involvement in the 1987 murders on the outskirts of Paris of Virginie Delmas, 10, Hemma Greedharry, 11, Sabine Dumont, nine, and Perrine Vigner, seven. Mr Clark said: "They bore his hallmarks and he was in the country at the time."

Black was jailed in 1994 for the murders of Susan Maxwell, 11, from Cornhill-on-Tweed, in July 1982, Caroline Hogg, five, of Edinburgh, in July 1983, and Sarah Harper, 10, from Morley, near Leeds, in March 1986.

In 2011, he was also convicted of the murder of Jennifer Cardy, nine, in Northern Ireland in August 1981. Det Supt Paul Burgan, head of major crime

in the Devon and Cornwall force, said a full file on the murder of Genette Tate was about to be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service and Black would have been charged. Genette's father John, 73, said: "I still hope and pray that we will get to the bottom of it."

Black was finally caught bundling a six-year-old girl into his van. As many as 40 abductions, sex assaults and murders were examined as having possible connections to him.

Ray Wyre, who interviewed Black for his book, Murder Of Childhood, said he had hinted about other victims. Wyre said: "I've assessed many sex offenders, and he's one of the worst that I have ever met."

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FACE OF EVIL Monster at court in 2011