

Defendant guilty of killing 5 prostitutes

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IPSWICH, England - A forklift operator was convicted Thursday of killing five young women who worked the streets of Ipswich, a small city in eastern England. Steve Wright, 42, faces five life sentences when he is sentenced Friday, The Guardian reported. The judge in the case said he is considering a ruling that would bar Wright from ever being released. Jurors spent only six hours in deliberations before finding Wright guilty. Investigators said Wright abducted his victims, killed them and dumped their bodies in wooded areas or streams outside Ipswich, in what a prosecutor called a "six-week campaign of murder." The five bodies were discovered in December 2006. Wright became a suspect because his DNA, in a database because of a 2003 conviction for theft, matched that found on the victims. Forensic scientists also linked a nylon thread found in one woman's hair with fabric in Wright's car. Police have been trying to connect Wright with unsolved cases going back more than 20 years, including the 1986 disappearance of a woman who had worked with Wright on the ship Queen Elizabeth 2 in the early 1980s.

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