

James Daveggio
“Froggie”



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Date	Age	Life Event
07/27/1960	0	Born in Mary's Help Hospital, San Francisco, California
1964	5	Parents divorced and mother remarried. Father would remarry later on as well as having numerous girlfriends and numerous marriages.
10/2/1974	13	Interviewed about the murder of his girlfriend. Marvin Mutch was falsely convicted of the crime on May 21, 1975.
1977	16	Kept getting into fights in high school and robbing stores so he was transferred to Valley High Continuation School. He was also sent to a juvenile facility for a while after robbing a store.
Late 70's		Robbed a gas station, committed numerous burglaries. Meet his friend Michael Ihde who had the same weird and violent sexual fantasies as him. Michael would later kill many of his rape victims as well. Tried to pick up a female officer posing as a prostitute. Charged with drinking and driving. Raped a female victim and was put into the Sex Offender Registration but never let them know whenever he moved. He was also proud to be a sex offender and would brag at bars.
1978	17	Dropped out of high school, married his pregnant girlfriend, Becky, and joined the marines. A couple weeks later he injured his foot in basic training was released with honorable discharge.
09/29/1979	19	Married Annette Carter.
April, 1980		Daughter Joanie was born.
July, 1980	19	Left his wife, Annette, for a girl named Donetta.
07/13/1981	20	Annette gave birth to her second child with Jim.
Fall, 1981	21	Annette files for divorce.
	21	Jim joins the Army. Three months later is given a medical discharge.
05/07/1982	21	Married Donetta.
	21	Jim is drinking heavily and getting into fights at bars.
Summer, 1983	22	Jim and Donetta move to Oklahoma at the urging of Jim's mother.
12/2/1983	22	Raped and Killed Kellie Poppleton
04/05/1984	22	Raped and Killed Tina Faelz
07/08/1984	22	Jim is arrested for rape.
09/1984	23	Rape charges are dropped due to insufficient evidence.
06/25/1985	23	Raped and Killed Janet Stokes
07/25/1985	24	Donetta discovers that she is pregnant.

07/26/1985		Jim and Jonathan Huffstetler raped Janet Williams.
07/26/1985	24	Jim and Huffstetler arrested for William's rape.
07/27/1985	25	Jim is released on bail.
05/1986	25	Donetta gives birth to a daughter.
07/27/1986	26	Is arrested for giving alcohol to a 16-year old girl.
09/1986	26	Enters guilty plea for the assault on Janet Stokes.
10/1986	26	Jim is sent to the California State Medical Facility in Vacaville for psychological evaluation. Psychologists conclude he has no mental illness and is a marginal candidate for probation.
01/1987	26	Jim is sentenced to one year in jail and five years of probation.
05/07/1987	26	Donetta divorces Jim.
06/1987		Released from jail. Moves in with him mom and attends school to learn diesel mechanics.
		Moves in with new girlfriend and her 8-year old daughter.
07/1989		Jim starts new automobile repair business (Smog Enders)
08/1989	28	Girlfriend gets pregnant.
09/30/1989	28	Jim is arrested for soliciting a prostitute. Receives small fine.
		Son is born. Jim joins a motorcycle gang, "The Devil's Horsemen"
1991		Michelle Michaud, soon to be accomplice with James, was arrested for prostitution. She was also booked for bad checks.
12/15/1993	33	Went to a hospital to get a vasectomy so he would not have more children, and thus not have to pay more child support.
05/1995	35	Ends relationship with previous girlfriend.
1996		Jim is heavily using methamphetamines.
10/1996	36	Meets Michelle at Bobby Joe's, a roadhouse in California. They begin to date.
2/1997	36	Fired from the bar he worked at for fighting with customers
9/1997	36	Makes an abduction/torture chamber in Michelle's green van. Put in a mirror and stationed ropes and a vice to make the ropes tighter once they were on the victims. Raped a 13-year old friend of Michelle's daughter.
9/29/1997	36	Raped a woman.
10/1997	37	Molested and raped Michelle's daughter
11/3/1997	37	Raped another woman.
11/21/1997		Michelle's daughter gave information pertaining to the location of their whereabouts.
11/27/1997	37	James raped his daughter in a hotel room. Gave her oral copulation while Michelle performed it on him.
12/1/1997	37	Went to the adult sex shop, Not Too Naughty No. 2, and purchased handcuffs, gagging device, dildos, and a tape called <i>Submissive Young Girls</i> . On the same day, one of the rape victims identified James and the police issued an arrest warrant for him and Michelle.
12/2/1997	37	Raped and killed Vanessa Samson
12/3/1997	37	Police found James and Michelle and arrested them.
12/4/1997	37	Police found Vanessa Samson's dead body
1998	37	Charged with the murder of Vanessa Samson
2001	41	Robert Scott wrote "Rope Burns" about the case. A great book that gave a ton of information on James, Michael, and Michelle!
2002	42	Both James and Michelle were convicted of many counts of murder, kidnapping, and force of oral copulation.
9/25/2002	42	They are sentenced to death and wait on death row.
2/6/2007	47	"Hunting Evil" was written by Carlton Smith about the Tag team murderers and rapists.

General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White

Number of victims	17 rape victims with Michelle Michaud; killed at least 4
Country where killing occurred	United States
States where killing occurred	Nevada, California, Washington
Cities where killing occurred	Reno, San Francisco, Pleasanton, Auburn, Sacramento, Dublin
Type of killer	Disorganized Lust and Organized Lust; In the beginning he picked his victims and later turned the van into a torture chamber and then grabbed random victim's on the streets.
Height	Unknown but weighed 200 pounds.

Childhood Information

Date of birth	July 27, 1960
Location	San Francisco; Mary's Help Hospital
Birth order	2 nd of 3
Number of siblings	2
XYX?	No
Raised by	Mother and Stepfather
Birth category	Middle child
Parent's marital status	Divorced
Family event	Divorce; spilt family
Age of family event	5 yrs old
Problems in school?	Got into fights, stole stuff, robbed gas station, skipped school
Teased while in school?	No
Physically attractive?	Not bad looking; fairly attractive
Physical defect?	No
Speech defect?	Yes, speech impediment
Head injury?	No
Physically abused?	No
Psychologically abused?	No
Sexually abused?	No
Father's occupation	Unknown
Age of first sexual experience	Late high school
Age when first had intercourse	Late high school
Mother's occupation	Unknown
Father abused drugs/alcohol	Yes
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	No

Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	11
Highest degree	Drop out
Grades in school	Below Average
IQ	Unknown
Source of IQ information	Smith (2006, page 34)

Work History

Served in the military?	Yes
Branch	Marines
Type of discharge	Honorable Discharge – foot injury
Saw combat duty	No
Killed enemy during service?	No
Applied for job as a cop?	No
Worked in law enforcement?	No
Fired from jobs?	Yes
Types of jobs worked	Construction, Bars – couldn't hold a job
Employment status during series	Both unemployed and employed

Relationships

Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married, remarried two times and had girlfriends on the side
Number of children	3
Lives with his children	Yes during the marriages but not after divorce
Living with	Girlfriends or Michelle Michaud
Triad	
Animal torture	No
Fire setting	No
Bed wetting	No
Killer Psychological Information	
Abused drugs?	Yes
Abused alcohol?	Yes
Been to a psychologist?	Yes
Time in forensic hospital?	Yes; Vacaville Medical Facility
Diagnosis	Unknown
Killer Criminal History	
Committed previous crimes?	Yes
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
Serial Killing	
Number of victims	At least 17 rape victims; killed at least four
Victim type	Young women under the age of eighteen – youngest victim was 13; strangers on the street walking by themselves or at bars by themselves.
Killer age at start of series	22
Date of first kill in series	12/2/1983
Date of final kill in series	12/2/1997
Gender of victims	Female
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	Varied from 13 to late 20's
Type of victim	His daughter, Michelle's daughter, Michelle's daughter's friend, women at bars, women walking by themselves
Method of killing	Strangulation
Weapon	Killer had rope in the van
Was gun used?	Yes
Type	Handgun and a semi-automatic
Did killer have a partner?	Yes
Name of partner	John Huffstetler (once during a rape) or Michelle Michaud (the rest of the time)
Sex of partner	Male and Female
Type of serial killer	Organized lust, disorganized lust
How close did killer live?	Drove to the crime location and then put them in the van
Location of first contact	Neighbor's home
Location of killing	Van
Killing occurred in home of victim?	No
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes and No- most of the time they lived in the van
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	Abducted
Behavior During Crimes	
Rape?	Yes
Tortured victims?	Yes

Stalked victims?	Yes
Overkill?	No
Quick & efficient?	Yes
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	Yes – the van had restraints to hold the victims
After Death Behavior	
Sex with the body?	No
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	No
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	Yes
Left at scene, hidden	No
Left at scene, buried	No
Moved, no attempt to hide	Yes
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	No
Moved, too home	No
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	December 3, 1997
Date convicted	June 2002
Sentence	Sentenced to death in September 25, 2002 but still alive on death row
Killer executed?	No
Did killer plead NGRI?	No
Was the NGRI plea successful?	N/A
Name and state of prison	San Quentin State Prison in California
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	Still alive and looking for Pen Pals while he is on death row

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