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| John Norman Collins *“The Co-Ed Killer* | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** |
| 06/17/1947 | Birth | Born in Center Line, Michigan. |
| 1947 | Soon after birth | Father deserted him and his mother. Shortly after she remarried, but that marriage only lasted a year. Both husbands were abusive to her and the children and were alcoholics. |
| 1949- 1950 | 2-3 | His stepfather once threw him across the car at his mother. On another occasion, his stepfather used him as a shield when he was confronted by another man with a gun. |
| 1951 | 4 | Moved from Canada to Detroit with his mom. She then married William Collins, who adopted all 3 children. He also was a violent alcoholic. That marriage ended in 1956. |
| 1956 | 9 | By this time he had seen 3 different father figures and a great deal of domestic violence. |
| 1965 | 18 | Graduated high school. He was an honor student, tri-captain of the football team, president of the C-club, and star pitcher of the baseball team.  He dated regularly, and the girls he dated said he was angry most of the time and sexually aggressive. |
| 1965 | 19 | Enrolled at Eastern Michigan University, where he studied education, and was in the Theta Chi fraternity. He was later kicked out of the fraternity on suspicion of stealing. |
| 1966 | 19-20 | During his sophomore year at EMU, his grades started to drop. One  professor accused him of cheating. He began committing petty thefts, often just for thrills. He met Andrew Manuel who became a partner in some of his escapades. |
|  | 19-20 | He discovered his pregnant sister with another man, beat the man  unconscious, and then hit his sister until she bled, calling her a tramp as he did so. |
| 07/09/1967 | 20 | Mary Fleszar (WF, 19) is reported missing. |
| 08/07/1967 | 20 | The body of Mary Fleszar, 19, was found in an old farm house 2 miles north of Ypsilanti, Michigan, after she had been missing since July 18th. She had |

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|  |  | been stabbed in a frenzied attack about 30 or 40 times. |
| January, 1968 | 20 | The body of 13 year-old Eileen Adams was found just south of Ypsilanti. She had been raped, strangled with an electrical cord, and beaten with a hammer. Her bra was tied around her neck and a three inch nail was hammered into her skull. The body was placed in plain sight. |
| 06/30/1968 | 21 | Joan Schell (WF, 20) is last seen. |
| 07/07/1968 | 21 | The body of 20 year-old Joan Schell was found in a construction site in Ypsilanti. She had been raped and then stabbed to death. It was believed that although she had been dead for a few days, the body had only been where it was discovered for less than 24 hours. |
| 03/21/1969 | 21 | The body of 13 year-old Jane Louise Mixer was found near the Ypsilanti cemetery. She had been reported missing earlier that day. She had been raped, beaten, and stabbed. |
| 03/25/1969 | 21 | A construction worker finds the body of Maralynn Skelton in the same construction site where the body of Joan Schell had been discovered. She had gone missing 4 days earlier, the same day as Louise Mixer. She had been raped, beaten to the body and head, and a branch had been jammed into her vagina. |
| 04/15/1969 | 21 | The body of 13 year-old Dawn Basom, was found along side a country road in Ypsilanti. She had been missing for only a day. She had been raped, strangled with a electrical cord, and her breasts were cut off. |
| 06/09/1969 | 21 | The body of Alice Kalom (WF, 23) was found by 3 teenage boys in an abandoned farmhouse. She had been shot in the head, raped, stabbed repeatedly, and her throat was cut. |
| 07/13/1969 | 22 | 17 year-old Roxie Phillips was found in Pescadero Canyon by two boys who were looking for fossils. Her body was badly decomposed and nude, and a belt was wrapped tightly around her neck. She had been missing for 2 weeks. |
| 07/27/1969 | 22 | Karen Sue Beineman (WF, 18) was found by a doctor and his wife in a wooded gully. She had been raped, beaten, strangled, and her panties were stuffed into her mouth. |
| 07/31/1969 | 22 | Was arrested for the murder of Karen Sue Beineman |
| 06/30/1970 | 23 | Trial began in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Witness selection took 2 weeks. Was only tried for the murder of Karen Beineman because it was the only one that they had physical evidence. His mother fired his first lawyer Richard Ryan, because Ryan had doubts about Collins. She then hired Joseph Louisell and his partner Neil Fink. |
| 08/19/1970 | 23 | Was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole. |
| Early  1980’s |  | He changed his last name back to Chapman, his mother’s maiden name, and applied to be transferred to Canadian prison. The request was denied. |
| 01/08/2012 | 64 | Still alive in Marquette Branch Prison, Michigan |
| **General Information** | | |
| Sex | | Male |
| Race | | White |
| Number of victims | | Suspected of 8, convicted of 1 |
| Country where killing occurred | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | Michigan |
| Cities where killing occurred | | Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area |
| Type of killer | | Organized |
| Height | | 6 feet |
| **Childhood Information** | | |
| Date of birth | | June 17, 1947 |

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| Location | Windsor, Canada |
| Birth order | 3rd of 3 |
| Number of siblings | 2 |
| XYY? | No |
| Raised by | Mother; father abandoned early in life, mother remarried abusive step-father who john took his last name. Mother divorced step-father when Collins was 4. |
| Birth category | Youngest |
| Parent’s marital status | Divorced |
| Family event | John had 3 different father figures and witnessed much domestic violence by the age of 9. |
| Age of family event | 9 |
| Problems in school? | Very successful and popular in high school, but in grades started to slip in second year of college, and he was expelled from his fraternity for suspicion of stealing. |
| Teased while in school? | No |
| Physically attractive? | Yes |
| Physical defect? | No |
| Speech defect? | No |
| Head injury? | No evidence |
| Physically abused? | Yes, stepfather through him over the car when he was young. Stepfather also once used him as a shield when another man confronted him with a gun. |
| Psychologically abused? | Mother and stepfather would leave him and his siblings in the car for hours while they drank at bars. He also witnessed a great deal of domestic violence. |
| Sexually abused? | No evidence |
| Father’s occupation |  |
| Age of first sexual experience |  |
| Age when first had intercourse |  |
| Mother’s occupation | Waitress |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Alcohol |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | Alcohol |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | When he was arrested he was 24 credits short of graduating from Eastern Michigan University. |
| Highest degree | High school diploma |
| Grades in school | Honor student in high school, grades started to slip sophomore year of college |
| IQ |  |
| Source of IQ information |  |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | No |
| Branch |  |
| Type of discharge |  |
| Saw combat duty |  |
| Killed enemy during service? |  |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | No |
| Types of jobs worked | Worked part time at EMU’s McKenny Union as a clerk. |
| Employment status during series | Employed part time, full time student |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |

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| Marital status | Single | |
| Number of children | 0 | |
| Lives with his children | No | |
| Living with | Mom, and then moved into the basement of his uncle’s house. | |
| **Triad** | | |
| Animal torture | Yes. He once told a girl that he had strangled a cat with a clothesline. | |
| Fire setting | Yes, burned several barns during his killing spree. | |
| Bed wetting | Yes, at age 5 he was still wearing diapers to school. | |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | | |
| Abused drugs? | No | |
| Abused alcohol? | No | |
| Been to a psychologist? | No | |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No | |
| Diagnosis | Necrophilia, large sexual obsession, S&M | |
| **Killer Criminal History** | | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Was accused of stealing and cheating multiple times. Wrote a bad check for a camper trailer using a false identity. Burglarized houses in high school. | |
| Spend time in jail? | No | |
| Spend time in prison? | No | |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | Only animals | |
| **Serial Killing** | | |
| Number of victims | | Convicted of 1, suspected of 7 or 8 |
| Victim type | | Young women, most of which were college students |
| Killer age at start of series | | 20 |
| Date of first kill in series | | July 9, 1967 |
| Date of final kill in series | | July 23, 1969 |
| Gender of victims | | Female |
| Race of victims | | White |
| Age of victims | | 13, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23 |
| Type of victim | | Mostly students |
| Method of killing | | Beating, stabbing, shooting, strangulation. |
| Weapon | | Guns, knives, electrical cables, victims’ undergarments, caustic liquid, |
| Was gun used? | | Yes |
| Type | | 22-caliber pistol |
| Did killer have a partner? | | Suspicion of accomplices but never proved |
| Name of partner | |  |
| Sex of partner | |  |
| Type of serial killer | | Organized, killed in his own comfort zone |
| How close did killer live? | | Same relative area, drove to crimes |
| Location of first contact | | College campus |
| Location of killing | | At least one in killer’s home, others unknown |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | |  |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | | Yes |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | | Abducted |
| Behavior During Crimes | | |
| Rape? | Yes | |
| Tortured victims? | Yes | |
| Stalked victims? | Yes | |
| Overkill? | Yes | |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes | |
| Used blindfold? | ? | |

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| Bound the victims? | Yes |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | Yes |
| Mutilated body? | Yes |
| Ate part of the body? | ? |
| Drank victim’s blood? | ? |
| Posed the body? | No |
| Took totem – body part | Yes |
| Took totem – personal item | Yes |
| Robbed victim or location | No evidence |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | No |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | Yes |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | Yes |
| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | July 31, 1969 |
| Date convicted | August 19, 1970 |
| Sentence | Life with no possibility of parole |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Name and state of prison | Marquette Branch Prison, Michigan |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | Still Alive |
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