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| 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. | |

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| 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 *Submissive Young Girls*.  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 |

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| 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 | 2nd of 3 |
| Number of siblings | 2 |
| XYY? | 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** |  |

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| 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 |

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| 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-op 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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