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| John Eric Armstrong *“Baby doll”*   (name on license plate) *“Opie”*  (nickname in the Navy*)* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 11- 23-73 | 0 | Armstrong was born in New Bern, North Carolina | |
| 1975 | 2 | Armstrong fell out of a window and broke his leg while under his father’s supervision | |
| 1978 | 5 | Younger brother died of SIDS when two months old | |
| 1979 | Armstrong attempted to kill himself by riding his bike across a populated street. This suicide attempt was due to the grief of wanting to be with his younger brother | |
| 1979 | His biological father, John left after the loss of his younger brother, Michael | |
| His father was very abusive and neglectful toward him and his mother | |
| His biological father sexually abused him as a child | |
| 1988 | 15 | Spent one month in a mental hospital after locking himself in a bathroom because a girl from his high school was pressuring him to have sex | |
| 1989 | 16 | Visited a psychologist to receive treatment for his brother’s death | |
| 06-1991 | 17 | Allegedly killed first victim in North Carolina, however, he is not considered a suspect for that murder. | |
| 1992 | 18 | Lost his high school sweetheart, Kelly, to a guy that lavished her with gifts, which greatly traumatized him. He was devastated by | |

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|  |  | the breakup and claims to have lost his girlfriend to an enemy. He said he started killing prostitutes by associating the gift giving with prostitution. |
| 1992 | 18 | Graduated from New Bern High School as an unmemorable student with no discipline problems |
| Enjoyed baseball, fishing, and earned decent grades throughout his high school years |
| Joined the Navy in Raleigh, North Carolina |
| 19 | Stationed on the U.S.S. Nimitz where he traveled around the world, including Asia and the Middle East |
| 1993-1998 | 19-24 | Took a class aboard the ship about warding off prostitutes |
| 1997 | 23 | Ship was based in Bremerton, WA until 1997 |
| 1993-1998 | 19-24 | He was known as “Opie” by his shipmates because of his red hair and freckles |
| Not a discipline problem while in the Navy |
| Received 5 medals and 4 ribbons for good conduct and good service during his time in the Navy |
| According to his bunkmate, Armstrong was moody, suffered from bad headaches, and would often throw temper tantrums |
| 1993-1998 | -- | Claims to have killed 11 prostitutes from 1993 to 1998; 3 in Seattle, 2 in Hawaii, 2 in Hong Kong and one each in North Carolina, Virginia, Thailand and Singapore |
| 1995 | 22 | Police believe he may be linked to a prostitute, Linette Hillig slain in Norfolk, VA at this date. However, no physical evidence was obtained |
| 05-96 | 23 | While the USS Nimitz was in port at Pearl Harbor, he claims to have killed two people but police were unable to match his claims with unsolved crimes |
| 03-05-1998 | 24 | Killed Linette Ann Hillig (34) a prostitute in Newport News, VA |
| 09-25-1998 | 24 | Married Katie Rednoske whom he met on the USS Nimitz |
| 02 -04-99 | 25 | 1st child born |
| 12-99 | 26 | Received an honorable discharge from the Navy. He says that he left Navy because he didn’t think that it would provide him with enough education. |
| 12/3/1999 | Killed Monica Johnson (31), a prostitute in Detroit. He had sex with her, choked her, and left her to die. |
| 1999 | After getting out of military applied to VA State Police but was not accepted. Started taking classes at Schoolcraft college. |
| 01-02-2000 | Armstrong was questioned after he “found” Wendy Jordan’s body in the river. He told police he was feeling nauseous and pulled over to get sick in the river and saw her body. A few weeks later a DNA test found a match between Armstrong and the victim but  prosecutors waited for a full DNA lab report before issuing an arrest warrant. In that interval three bodies were found in the Detroit rail yard. |

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| 04-02-00 |  | Attempted to murder a woman. Tried to strangle Wilheminia Drane (42) after she got in his jeep, she sprayed him with mace and got away | |
| 04-07-00 | 26 | Attempted to murder a man. Offers Devon Marcus, a transvestite, $40 for sex before trying to choke him. Marcus escapes and later helps ID Armstrong for police | |
| 04-10-00 | Investigators find the bodies of three strangled prostitutes in a railroad yard in southwest Detroit | |
| 04-12-00 | Arrested for the murder of Wendy Jordan. Told police at time of arrest that his wife was pregnant with 2nd child and that they were having marital problems | |
| March 2001 | 27 | After a two-week trial, Armstrong was convicted of first-degree murder for the death of Wendy Jordan. | |
| 06-13-01 | Believed to be linked to 11 other slayings since 1992, including three in Seattle, two in Hawaii, two in Hong Kong and one each in Virginia, North Carolina, Thailand, and Singapore | |
| 06-18-01 | 27 | Plead guilty to the deaths of Robbin Brown, 20; Rose Marie Felt, 32; and Monica Johnson, 31. Also plead guilty to one assault charge and no contest to another assault charge. A third assault and unarmed robbery case was dismissed as part of a plea bargain. Ultimately, he was sentenced to life in prison for the death of Kelly Jean Hood, 34. All of these bodies were found in Detroit, MI. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | **Convicted for 5 murders:**Wendy Jordan, Robbin Brown, Rose Marie Felt, Monica Johnson, Kelly Jean Hood  **3 attempted murders:**Wilheminia Drane, Devon Marcus, and another (unknown)  **He claimed to have killed at least 11 people** |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States, possible Thailand and Singapore |
| States where killing occurred | | | Michigan, Illinois, possibly Virginia, North Carolina, and Hawaii |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | November 23, 1973 |
| Location | | | New Bern, North Carolina |
| Birth order | | | First |
| Number of siblings | | | 1 younger brother who later died |
| XYY? | | | No |
| Raised by | | | Mother, his father abandoned the family shortly after the death of his younger brother |
| Birth category | | | Oldest (but was essentially the only child) |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Divorced, both remarried |
| Family event | | | He was traumatized by the death of an infant brother |

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|  | who died of SIDS. This single event greatly affected his mental status as he got older |
| Age of family event | 5 |
| Problems in school? | No discipline or academic problems |
| Teased while in school? | Yes, Armstrong told authorities he was the fat kid with an inferiority complex, bullied and teased mercilessly |
| Physically attractive? | No, he was husky and weighed about 300lbs |
| Physical defect? | None |
| Speech defect? | None |
| Head injury? | No |
| Physically abused? | No |
| Psychologically abused? | Yes |
| Sexually abused? | He was sexually abused as a child by his biological father |
| Father’s occupation | Unknown |
| Age of first sexual experience | 11-15 |
| Age when first had intercourse | Unknown |
| Mother’s Occupation | Teacher’s assistant |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | Graduated from high school in New Bern, North Carolina |
| Highest degree | High School Diploma |
| Grades in school | Good |
| IQ | Unknown |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Navy |
| Type of discharge | Honorable |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | Yes (Virginia State Police) |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | Unknown |
| Types of jobs worked | US Navy Sailor, security guard, cashier, refueler, and a barbershop supervisor |
| Employment status during series | Employed as a refueler for Detroit Metro Airport, Target, and a security guard for Novi |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married |
| Number of children | One son and wife pregnant at his arrest |

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| Lives with his children | Yes |
| Living with | Spouse and her parents and their children |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | No |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes, in high school |
| Time in forensic hospital? | Spent one month in a mental hospital after locking himself in a bathroom because a girl from his high school was pressuring him to have sex |
| Diagnosis | None |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | No |
| Spend time in jail? | No |
| Spend time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | Yes, 17 |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 5 |
| Victim type | Prostitutes |
| Killer age at start of series | 20 |
| Gender of victims | Women |
| Race of victims | Various |
| Age of victims | Various |
| Method of killing | Strangled, claimed to have killed one man with a pipe |
| Type of serial killer | Organized thrill |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
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| Weapon | No particular weapon |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | Yes |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | No |

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| 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 | 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 | No |
| Moved, to home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | April 12, 2000 |
| Date convicted | June 18, 2001 |
| Sentence | Life |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Name and state of prison | Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility/ West  Shoreline Correctional Facility, Muskegon Heights, Michigan |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | N/A |
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