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| Herb Baumeister *“The I-70 Strangler”* | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** |
| 4/7/47 |  | Born to Dr. Herbert E. and Elizabeth Baumeister in Indiana. |
| 1948 | 1 | Sister Barbara born. |
| 1954 | 7 | Brother Brad born. |
| 1956 | 9 | Brother Richard born. |
| 1961 | 14 | Started attending high school at North Central High. Was active in biology, geology, government, international relations, and chess clubs. |
| Adolescence | | Friend remembers that Herb used to “ponder what it would be like to taste human urine". |
| Adolescence | | Found a dead crow in the road, put it in his pocket and placed on teachers desk when she wasn’t looking. |
| Adolescence | | Father secretly took him to take psychological tests; limited records show diagnosed with schizophrenia with possibly more than one personality. No further  documentation. |
| High School | | Not part of the “in-crowd”, usually alone, never dated. |
| 1965 | 18 | Graduated high school and was accepted into Indiana University. Met Juliana here. They were drawn to each other due to their strong conservative views. |
| 1967 | 20 | Dropped out of college after freshman year. Worked at the *Indianapolis Star* as copy boy. |
| 11/1971 | 24 | Married Juliana Saitor in United Methodist Church in Indiana. |
| 1972 | 24-25 | Spent two months in psychiatric hospital (6 months after being married). |
| 1974-1985 | 26-38 | Worked at Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Odd behavior  evident during this time. Sent Christmas cards with him and another man dressed in drag. Earned title of Program Director. Urinated on a letter addressed to the governor and was terminated. |
| 1979 | 32 | First child, Marie, born. |
| 1981 | 34 | Second child, Erich, born. |
| 1984 | 37 | Third child, Emily, born. |
| 1985 | 38 | Body of Eric Roetiger (WM, 17) found in Indiana. |

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| 09/03/1985 | 38 | While drinking and driving he committed a hit and run. |
| 03/27/1986 | 39 | Warrant filed for his arrest. Charged with auto theft (Class A misdemeanor) and conspiracy to commit theft (Class D). |
| 1986 | 40 | Beat the conspiracy charge after one day bench trial. |
| 1986 | 40 | Herb’s father died. |
| 1988 | 41-42 | Borrowed $4,000 from mother and opened a SAV-A-LOT thrift store. |
| 08/12/1989 | 42 | Body of Steven Elliot (WM, 26) found |
| 1990 | 43-44 | After making $50,000 in his first year of owning SAV-A-LOT, he opened his second store. |
| 08/11/1990 | 43 | Body of Clay Boatman (WM, 32) found |
| 11/91 | 44 | Moved to Westfield district. |
| 5/93 | 46 | Michael Riley (WM, 22) disappears. |
| 05/28/1993 | 46 | Johnny L. Bayer (WM, 20) reported missing. |
| 7/93 | 46 | Jeffery Jones (WM, 31) is reported missing. |
| 7/93 | 46 | Richard Hamilton (WM, 20) is reported missing. |
| 08/06/1993 | 46 | Alan Livingstone (WM, 27) reported missing. |
| 4/94 | 47 | Stephen Hale (WM, 26) reported missing. |
| 06/06/1994 | 47 | Alan Broussard (WM, 28) last seen leaving gay bar. |
| 07/22/1994 | 47 | Roger Alan Goodlet (WM, 34) disappears. |
| 1994 | 47-48 | SAV-A-LOT business began to plunge. Problems in marriage between Herb and Juliana. Herb started treating his employees like they were below him. Reports of him leaving the store and returning with alcohol on his breath. |
| 1994 | 47-48 | Arrested for drinking and driving in Rochester, Indiana. Sentenced to 3 days in jail and 1 year probation. |
| 1994 | 48 | Son Erich found a human skeleton in backyard. Herb assured his family that it was the remains of a cadaver from his father’s medical practice. |
| 08/29/1995 | 49 | Herb shows up at gay bar and Tony Harris gets his license plate number. Suspicion of Herb growing. |
| 11/95 | 49 | Police confront Juliana. |
| 11/95 | 49 | Herb tells his lawyer he is going to kill himself. |
| 01/04/1996 | 49 | Juliana files for divorce. |
| 6/96 | 50 | Closed SAV-A-LOT stores. Herb described as deeply troubled. |
| 06/23/1996 | 50 | Juliana tells attorney of bones found in backyard. Juliana admits that they had only consummated their marriage 6 times in 25 years of marriage. |
| 06/30/1996 | 50 | Herb became aware of his imminent arrest and drove to Canada. |
| 07/03/1996 | 50 | Herb left a note citing his failing marriage and business as the reason for his suicide and shot himself in the forehead with a .357 magnum. |
| **General Information** | | |
| Sex | | Male |
| Race | | White |
| Number of victims | | Linked to 18 but assumed to be more |
| Country where killing occurred | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | Indiana and Ohio |
| Type of killer | | Sexual |
| Height | | Unknown |
| **Childhood Information** | | |

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| Date of birth | April 7, 1947 |
| Location | Columbus Ohio |
| Birth order | 1st of 4 |
| Number of siblings | 3 |
| XYY? |  |
| Raised by | Both parents |
| Birth category | Oldest |
| Parent’s marital status | Together |
| Family event |  |
| Age of family event |  |
| Problems in school? | Did not fit in |
| Teased while in school? | Yes |
| Physically attractive? | Yes |
| Physical defect? | Two screws in jaw from surgery |
| Speech defect? | No |
| Head injury? |  |
| Physically abused? | Yes, father and classmates |
| Psychologically abused? |  |
| Sexually abused? | No |
| Father’s occupation | Anesthesiologist |
| Age of first sexual experience | Probably his wife. He did not date much before her. |
| Age when first had intercourse | Probably his wife. He did not date much before her. |
| Mother’s occupation | Homemaker |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 2nd year in college |
| Highest degree | High School Diploma |
| Grades in school |  |
| IQ |  |
| **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? | Yes, Bureau of Motor Vehicles for urinating on desk and letter addressed to Governor. |
| Types of jobs worked | Copier, clerical, various part time jobs. Owner of Sav-A-Lot thrift stores. |
| Employment status during series | Owner Sav-A-Lot thrift stores. Possibly during other jobs. |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Bi-sexual |
| Marital status | Married but in middle of divorce at time of death |
| Number of children | Three |
| Lives with his children | Yes and extremely involved with their lives. |
| Living with | Spouse |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |

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| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes. Cocaine and marijuana. |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | Hospitalized for two months. |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis | Father secretly took him to psychologist as a child and had lengthy testing done. Report showed schizophrenia and possibly multiple personalities. No further documentation. |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes. Charged with theft and conspiracy to commit theft. |
| Spend time in jail? | No |
| Spend time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 16 identified to him expected to be more |
| Victim type | Homosexual Men |
| Killer age at start of series | 38 |
| Gender of victims | Male |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 15, 17(2), 20(2), 21, 22(2), 26(3), 27, 28, 31(2), 34, 46 |
| Method of killing | Strangulation |
| Type of serial killer | Organized/lust. |
| How close did killer live? | Unknown |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
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| Weapon | No weapon. |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No. Mutual Sex. |
| Tortured victims? | Strangled them. |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | Burned them after death. |
| Quick & efficient? | No |
| Used blindfold? | No |
| Bound the victims? | Yes. With handcuffs. |
| 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. Used bones as gravel for his yard. |
| Left at scene, hidden | Yes. Put bones down a creek at his residence. |
| Left at scene, buried | Yes. Buried in burn pile. |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |

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| Moved, too home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | Committed suicide before he could be arrested. |
| Date convicted |  |
| Sentence |  |
| Killer executed? |  |
| Did killer plead NGRI? |  |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? |  |
| Name and state of prison |  |
| Killer committed suicide? | Yes |
| Killer killed in prison? |  |
| Date of death | July 3, 1996 |
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