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| James Michael DeBardeleben*“Mall Passer”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 03/20/1940 | 0 | Born in Little Rock, Arkansas | |
| 1945 | 5 | Moved to Austin, Texas. Father shipped to South Pacific for 9 months | |
| 1949 | 9 | Family moved from Kentucky to Frankfurt, Germany | |
| 1950 | 10 | Family moved again | |
| 1956 | 16 | Physically assaulted his mother | |
| 09/08/1956 | 16 | Purchased two handguns and ammo with a friend | |
| 09/21/1956 | 16 | First arrest; felony arrest for concealed weapon. Soon after first arrest, arrested several times on charges from theft, sodomy, attempted murder, and kidnapping | |
| 05/13/1957 | 17 | Reckless driving offense | |
| Spring  1957 | 17 | Expelled from Peter Schuyler High School | |
| 06/26/1957 | 17 | Joined the Air Force. Shipped to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas | |
| 03/1958 | 18 | Court-martialed for variety of offenses: wearing “Improper Insignia and Improper Uniform” and disorderly behavior. Sentenced to 2 months in Stockade and $155 in pay forfeited | |
| 06/1958 | 18 | Cited for “Unauthorized Absence from Bed Check,” “Breaking Restrictions” twice, and “Disrespectful to Superiors.” Ordered to visit air force psychiatrist | |
| 08/1958 | 18 | Discharged from the Air Force “Under Other Than Honorable Conditions,” and moved to Fort Worth, Texas with family | |
| 01/1959 | 18 | Enrolled at R.L. Paschal High School | |
| 03/1959 | 19 | Expelled from high school | |
| 08/1959 | 19 | Married Linda Weir | |
| 08/1959 | 19 | Separated from Linda Weir after three weeks of marriage. | |
| 10/5/1959 | 19 | Attempted robbery with accomplice | |
| 10/1959 | 19 | 2 weeks later, arrested for string of auto thefts. Sentenced to 5 years probation | |
| 11/1959 | 19 | Premature daughter was stillborn | |
| 12/1959 | 19 | Meets Charlotte Weber, 17 | |
| 03/1960 | 19/20 | Charlotte gets pregnant | |
| 06/09/1960 | 20 | Marries Charlotte | |
| 12/12/1960 | 20 | Daughter, Bethene, born | |
| No date | 20/21 | Charlotte becomes pregnant, forced to give baby up for adoption | |
| 08/1961 | 21 | Younger brother, Ralph, commits suicide | |

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| 09/1961 | 21 | Divorced from Charlotte |
| Summer 1961 | 21 | Enrolls at Texas Christian University without HS diploma and then at North Texas State University |
| 09/1962 | 22 | Probation for auto theft revoked and sent to Texas State Prison at Huntsville |
| 05/1963 | 23 | Released from prison and lives with parents |
| 03/1964 | 24 | Father files complaint on Mike and Mike is sent to Western State Hospital in Staunton, VA |
| 05/16/1964 | 24 | Comes back home |
| 09/1964 | 24 | Marries Wanda Faye Davis |
| 1965 | 25 | Wanda begins to accompany Mike in criminal acts |
| 1966 | 26 | Charged with assault, sodomy, kidnapping of young girl, but later charges are dropped |
| 04/25/1969 | 29 | Faye is accomplice in kidnap-extortion |
| No date | 29 | Faye becomes pregnant, but miscarries when Mike pushes her down the stairs |
| Aug/1969 | 29 | Faye becomes pregnant, divorce |
| 01/02/1970 | 29 | Daughter, Lindsey, is born |
| 07/10/1970 | 30 | Marries Caryn, 18 |
| No date | N/A | Returns to college at George Mason University |
| 04/1971 | 31 | Murders realtor, Terry McDonald |
| 1975 | 35 | Pistol-whips Phillipa Voliner |
| 1976 | 36 | Divorced Caryn |
| 1976 | 36 | Caught for counterfeiting for first time |
| 1978 | 38 | Crime Information Center believes Mike is dead |
| 05/05/1978 | 38 | Released to a D.C. halfway house after serving 23 months of his 1976 counterfeiting sentence in the Federal Penitentiary in Danbury, Connecticut |
| 06/1978 | 38 | Moved to Arlington, VA, took barbering job |
| 07/1978 | 38 | Bought ’77 Thunderbird, which is believed to have been used in the abduction of nursing student, Lucy Alexander, 19 |
| 09/04/1978 | 38 | Posed as a cop to abduct Lucy Alexander. He also raped, sodomized, and forced her to fallate him repeatedly. She was forced to call him “Daddy” Raped at least 4 times, performed fallatio 4-5 times over 18 hours |
| 09/05/1978 | 38 | Released Lucy into isolated area known as Hardscrabble, east of Georgetown, Delaware |
| 02/04/1979 | 38 | Fayetteville, N.C. introduced self as “Al Wise” to Elizabeth Mason, 31 and pretended to be interested in buying a house. Attacked and assaulted her with an automatic handgun, tied and gagged, and strangled until unconscious, then stole her car |
| 05/1979 | 39 | Posing as “Frank A. Turner” bought a house and counterfeiting press in Maryland |
| 06/01/1979 | 39 | Returned to Delaware-Maryland seashore, posing as a cop, abducted Laurie Jensen, 20. Fallatio, sodomy, rape. Audio/videotaped sexual assaults and used a dildo. Called her “Becky” and forced her to call him “Daddy” Kept her in a closet |
| 06/03/1979 | 39 | Drove Laurie home to Maryland |
| 07/31/1979 | 39 | In Florence, Kentucky, used counterfeit money at Super Sam’s Store |
| Summer 1979 | 39 | Met Barbara Abbott in Falls Church, VA |
| No Date | 39 | Married Barbara |
| Christmas 1980 | 40 | Barbara left Mike |
| 08/01/1979 | 39 | Used counterfeit money in United Dairy Farmers Store |
| 08/21/1979 | 39 | Used counterfeit money in a Cincinnati Burger Chef restaurant |
| 10/10/1979 | 39 | Assaulted Italian-American woman in New Jersey at clothing store |
| 11/13/1979 | 39 | Used counterfeit money at Empress Shop in Elizabeth, N.J. |
| 12/14/1979 | 39 | Used counterfeit money in United Pennsylvania Bank in Scranton, Pennsylvania |
| 03/1- 10/1980 | 39 | Used counterfeit money in Durham, N.C., Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Sterling, VA and Columbus, Ohio |
| 04/12/1980 | 40 | Used counterfeit money at Blue Hen Mall in Dover, Delaware |

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| 04/14/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money at JCPenneys store in St. Louis | |
| 04/22/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C. | |
| 06/11/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in malls in Birmingham, Alabama | |
| 06/13/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in mall in Atlanta | |
| 06/13/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in mall in Dallas | |
| 06/16- 17/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in New Orleans and Shreveport, Louisiana | |
| 06/18- 19/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Dallas | |
| 06/20/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Kansas City | |
| 06/30/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Charlotte | |
| 07/31/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Novi, Michigan | |
| 08/1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Niles, Illinois, Milwaukee again, and Louisville, Kentucky | |
| Labor Day weekend  1980 | 40 | Counterfeit money in Tulsa, Oklahoma | |
| 11/01/1980 | 40 | Posed as a cop and pulled over Dianne Overton, 25. She successfully fought to get away after being abducted | |
| 11/12/1980 | 40 | Robbed clothing store in N.J., tied Maria Santini, 27, he dressed in skirt and heels, fondled and took photos, but let her go after failure to become aroused | |
| 06/14/1982 | 42 | In Kentucky, charged with 6 counts of passing and possessing counterfeit currency, 2 counts of firearm Possession by a felon, and 1 count of carrying forearm during commission of a crime | |
| 1980-1982 | 40-42 | Used numerous aliases throughout the East Coast | |
| 04/27/1982 | 42 | In Bossier City, Louisiana, murdered realtor, Jean McPhaul (WF, 40), after restraining, strangling and stabbing her. | |
| 04/13/1983 | 43 | Broke into a house in Greece, New York, and abducted two male housemates, David Starr and Joe Rapini (WM, 42). He held Rapini for ransom and then shot him. | |
| 10/1983 | 43 | Charged with 1st degree kidnapping in Trombley case | |
| 10/26/1983 | 43 | Indicted for murder of Terry McDonald | |
| 02/29/1984 | 44 | In Nashville, Tennessee, sentenced for counterfeiting conviction | |
| 01/1988 | 48 | Convicted | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 3 |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Louisiana, Rhode Island, Greece |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Bossier City, Barrington, Lake Ontario |
| Type of killer | | | Organized lust, sexual sadist |
| Height | | | 6’0” |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | March 20, 1940 |
| Location | | | Little Rock, Arkansas |
| Birth order | | | 2nd of 3 |
| Number of siblings | | | 2 |
| XYY? | | | N/A |
| Raised by | | | Both parents, father was in the military, frequently absent |
| Birth category | | | Middle |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married |
| Family event | | | Death of younger brother (suicide) |
| Age of family event | | | 21 |

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| Problems in school? | Expelled |
| Teased while in school? | Yes, bullied and beaten up |
| Physically attractive? | Described as “wimpy,” concerned with vanity |
| Physical defect? | Irregularity at the bridge of his nose from a childhood surgery |
| Speech defect? | No |
| Head injury? | None |
| Physically abused? | No |
| Psychologically abused? | Mother was alcoholic, father was neglectful |
| Sexually abused? | No |
| Father’s occupation | Engineer, Lieutenant in WWII |
| Age of first sexual experience | Approximately 16 |
| Age when first had intercourse | Approximately 16 |
| Mother’s occupation | Secretary |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | No |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | Yes, alcohol |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | 9, Expelled from different schools |
| Highest degree | None, granted a special dispensation to enroll in college without HS diploma |
| Grades in school | As, Bs, Cs in middle school, D+ in college |
| IQ | 127 |
| Source of IQ information | Michaud (1994, page 258) |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | Yes |
| Branch | Air Force |
| Type of discharge | “Under Other Than Honorable Conditions” |
| Saw combat duty | No |
| Killed enemy during service? | No |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No, posed as police officer many times |
| Worked in law enforcement? | N/A |
| Fired from jobs? | Yes |
| Types of jobs worked | Barber |
| Employment status during series | Unemployed and employed at various times |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married and divorced 5 times |
| Number of children | 3 living children, 1 miscarried |
| Lives with his children | No |
| Living with | Various living arrangements including wives, family and self |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | Yes |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | Yes |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist? | Yes |
| Time in forensic hospital? | 2 months in Staunton, VA |
| Diagnosis | Sexual Sadist |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | Yes, auto theft, sodomy, kidnapping, attempted murder |

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| Spend time in jail? | Yes, several times |
| Spend time in prison? | Yes, 1962 and 1976 |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims | 3 |
| Victim type | Realtors |
| Killer age at start of series | 38 |
| Date of first kill in series | April, 1971 |
| Date of final kill in series | April 13, 1983 |
| Gender of victims | 2 females, 1 male |
| Race of victims | White |
| Age of victims | 40, 42 |
| Type of victim | Realtors, students |
| Method of killing | Strangulation, stabbing |
| Weapon | Various |
| Was gun used? | Yes, in the murder of Rapini |
| Type | Handgun |
| Did killer have a partner? | Used wives as accomplices |
| Name of partner | Caryn, Wanda Faye Davis |
| Sex of partner | Female |
| Type of serial killer | Organized lust, sexual sadist |
| How close did killer live? | Drove to crime |
| Location of first contact | Realtor office |
| Location of killing | Vacant house for sale |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | No |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | No |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Sometimes |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | Yes |
| Tortured victims? | Yes |
| Stalked victims? | Yes |
| Overkill? | No |
| Quick & efficient? | No |
| Used blindfold? | Yes |
| Bound the victims? | Yes |
| 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 | Yes |
| Robbed victim or location | No |
| Disposal of Body | |
| Left at scene, no attempt to hide | No |
| Left at scene, hidden | Yes |
| Left at scene, buried | No |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | No |
| Moved, buried | No |
| Cut-op and disposed of | No |
| Moved, too home | No |

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| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | May 25, 1983 |
| Date convicted | January, 1988 |
| Sentence | 375 years |
| Killer executed? | No |
| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | N/A |
| Name and state of prison | Leavenworth Prison in Kansas |
| Killer committed suicide? | No |
| Killer killed in prison? | No |
| Date of death | N/A |
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