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| Frank Dolezal  *“Cleveland Torso Killer”* | | |  |
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| **Date** | **Age** | **Life Event** | |
| 05/04/1887 | 0 | Born in Bohemia (modern day Slovakia). | |
| 1910 | 23 | Immigrated to America alone. | |
| 1913 | 26 | Moved in with his brother, Charles. | |
| 1920 | 33 | Charles married and left Frank alone. | |
| 09/05/1934 | 47 | Body of possible first victim found (Lady of the Lake) near Euclid Beach Park. | |
| 09/23/1935 | 48 | Bodies of first and second known victims, Edward Andrassy and an unidentified white male, found in the Jackass Hill area of Kingsbury Run. | |
| 01/26/1936 | 48 | Body of third victim, Florence Polillo, found behind Hart’s Manufacturing on East 20th street. | |
| 02/07/1936 | 48 | Additional remains of Polillo found behind a vacant house on Orange Avenue. | |
| 05/1936 | 49 | Killed fourth victim, an unidentified white male. | |
| 06/05/1936 | 49 | Fifth victim’s head, an unidentified white male, nicknamed the tattooed man, found in Kingsbury Run. | |
| 06/1936 | 49 | Murdered sixth victim, an unidentified Black female. | |
| 07/22/1936 | 49 | Body of fourth victim found in the Big Creek area of Brooklyn, on the west side of Cleveland. | |
| 09/10/1936 | 49 | Body of seventh victim, an unidentified white male, found in Kingsbury Run near a pool. | |
| 11/1936 | 49 | Brought in for questioning by police. | |
| 02/23/1937 | 49 | Body of eighth victim, an unidentified white female, found at Euclid Beach near Lake Erie. | |
| 06/06/1937 | 50 | Body of sixth victim found beneath the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge | |

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| 07/06/1937 | 50 | Body of ninth victim, an unidentified white male, found in the Cuyahoga River in the Cleveland Flats. | |
| 11/1937-01/1938 | 50 | Time frame of murder for the tenth victim, an unidentified white male | |
| 02/1938-04/1938 | 50 | Time frame of murder for the eleventh victim, an unidentified white female. | |
| 04/08/1938 | 50 | Body of twelfth victim, an unidentified white female, found in the Cuyahoga River in the Cleveland Flats. | |
| 09/16/1938 | 51 | Bodies of tenth and eleventh victims found at the Lakeshore Dump on East 9th street. | |
| 07/05/1939 | 52 | Arrested | |
| 07/07/1939 | 52 | Confessed to killing Florence Polillo | |
| 07/10/1939 | 52 | Two unsuccessful suicide attempts at 12:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. | |
| 07/10/1939 | 52 | Given a lie detector test. Dolezal recanted his confession to killing Polillo. | |
| 07/11/1939 | 52 | Appeared in court for first degree murder for killing Polillo. Entered no plea | |
| 07/11/1939 | 52 | Examined and found not insane. | |
| 08/24/1939 | 52 | Found dead in his cell. Originally thought to be a suicide. | |
| 08/2010 | - | Exonerated of crimes and believed to have been murdered by police in jail. | |
| **General Information** | | | |
| Sex | | | Male |
| Race | | | White |
| Number of victims | | | 12 suspected, 1 other possible, 1 confessed then recanted |
| Country where killing occurred | | | United States |
| States where killing occurred | | | Ohio |
| Cities where killing occurred | | | Cleveland |
| Type of killer | | | Disorganized thrill |
| Height | | | 5’8” |
| **Childhood Information** | | | |
| Date of birth | | | 05/04/1887 |
| Location | | | Bohemia, now modern day Slovakia |
| Birth order | | | Unknown |
| Number of siblings | | | 9 |
| XYY? | | | No |
| Raised by | | | Mother and father |
| Birth category | | | Middle |
| Parent’s marital status | | | Married |
| Did serial killer spend time in an orphanage? | | | No |
| Did serial killer spend time in a foster home? | | | No |
| Was serial killer ever raised by a relative? | | | No |
| Did serial killer ever live with adopted family? | | | No |
| Did serial killer live with a step-parent? | | | No |
| Family event | | | Brother Charles married and moved out. |
| Age of family event | | | 33 |
| Problems in school? | | | Unknown |
| Teased while in school? | | | Unknown |
| Physically attractive? | | | To some |
| Physical defect? | | | Wondering Eye |
| Speech defect? | | | None |
| Head injury? | | | Unknown |
| Physically abused? | | | Unknown |
| Psychologically abused? | | | Unknown |
| Sexually abused? | | | Unknown |
| Father’s occupation | | | Unknown |

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| Age when first had intercourse | Unknown |
| Mother’s occupation | Unknown |
| Father abused drugs/alcohol | Unknown |
| Mother abused drugs/alcohol | Unknown |
| **Cognitive Ability** | |
| Highest grade in school | Unknown |
| Highest degree | Unknown |
| Grades in school | Unknown |
| IQ | Unknown |
| Source of IQ information | N/A |
| **Work History** | |
| Served in the military? | No |
| Branch | N/A |
| Type of discharge | N/A |
| Saw combat duty | N/A |
| Killed enemy during service? | N/A |
| Applied for job as a cop? | No |
| Worked in law enforcement? | No |
| Fired from jobs? | Unknown |
| Types of jobs worked | Bricklayer |
| Employment status during series | Employed as a bricklayer |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Single |
| Number of children | None |
| Lives with his children | N/A |
| Living with | Roommate, Florence Polillo |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | No |
| Fire setting | No |
| Bed wetting | No |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | Yes |
| Been to a psychologist (prior to killing)? | Unknown |
| Time in forensic hospital (prior to killing)? | Unknown |
| Diagnosis | N/A |
| **Killer Criminal History (Prior to the series)** | |
| Committed previous crimes? | No |
| Spent time in jail? | No |
| Spent time in prison? | No |
| Killed prior to series? Age? | No |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| Number of victims (suspected of) | 12, possibly 13 |
| Number of victims (confessed to) | 1, then recanted |
| Number of victims (convicted of) | 0, died prior to trial |
| Victim type | Mostly white females and males, one Black victim |
| Killer age at start of series | 47-48 |
| Killer age at end of series | 50 |
| Date of first kill in series | September 23, 1935, possibly September 5, 1934 |

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| Date of final kill in series | April 8, 1938 |
| Gender of victims | 7 males, 5 females |
| Race of victims | 11 white, 1 Black |
| Age of victims | 28, 44, rest are unknown |
| Type of victim | N/A |
| Method of killing | Decapitation |
| Weapon | Unknown, possible knife |
| Was gun used? | No |
| Type | N/A |
| Did killer have a partner? | No |
| Name of partner | N/A |
| Sex of partner | N/A |
| Relationship of partner | N/A |
| Type of serial killer | Disorganized |
| How close did killer live? | Within walking distance of some |
| Location of first contact | Unknown |
| Location of killing | Unknown |
| Killing occurred in home of victim? | Unknown |
| Killing occurred in home of killer? | Unknown |
| Victim abducted or killed at contact? | Unknown |
| Behavior During Crimes | |
| Rape? | No |
| Tortured victims? | No |
| Stalked victims? | No |
| Overkill? | Yes, decapitation and dismemberment |
| Quick & efficient? | Unknown |
| Used blindfold? | Unknown |
| Bound the victims? | Unknown |
| After Death Behavior | |
| Sex with the body? | No |
| Mutilated body? | Yes, decapitated and dismembered |
| 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 | Yes |
| Left at scene, buried | Yes |
| Moved, no attempt to hide | Yes |
| Moved, hidden | Yes |
| Moved, buried | Yes |
| Cut-up and disposed of | Yes |
| Burned body | No |
| Dumped body in lake, river, etc. | Yes |
| Moved, took home | No |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | 07/05/1939 |
| Date convicted | Never convicted |
| Sentence | N/A |
| Killer executed? | N/A |

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| Did killer plead NGRI? | No |
| Was the NGRI plea successful? | N/A |
| Did serial killer confess? | Confessed to one and then recanted |
| Name and state of prison | Cuyahoga County Jail, Ohio |
| Killer committed suicide? | Probably not. Initial report was suicide but current thinking is that he was murdered by the police. |
| Killer killed in prison? | Suspected murder by police |
| Date of death | 08/24/1939 |
| Cause of death | Suspected hanging, later thought to be murdered by police. |
| **Notes**  There was very little information to find since he was an immigrant. Cleveland had no records of him before the 1920’s.  The Lady of the Lake was suspected to be the first victim but was never proven. | |
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