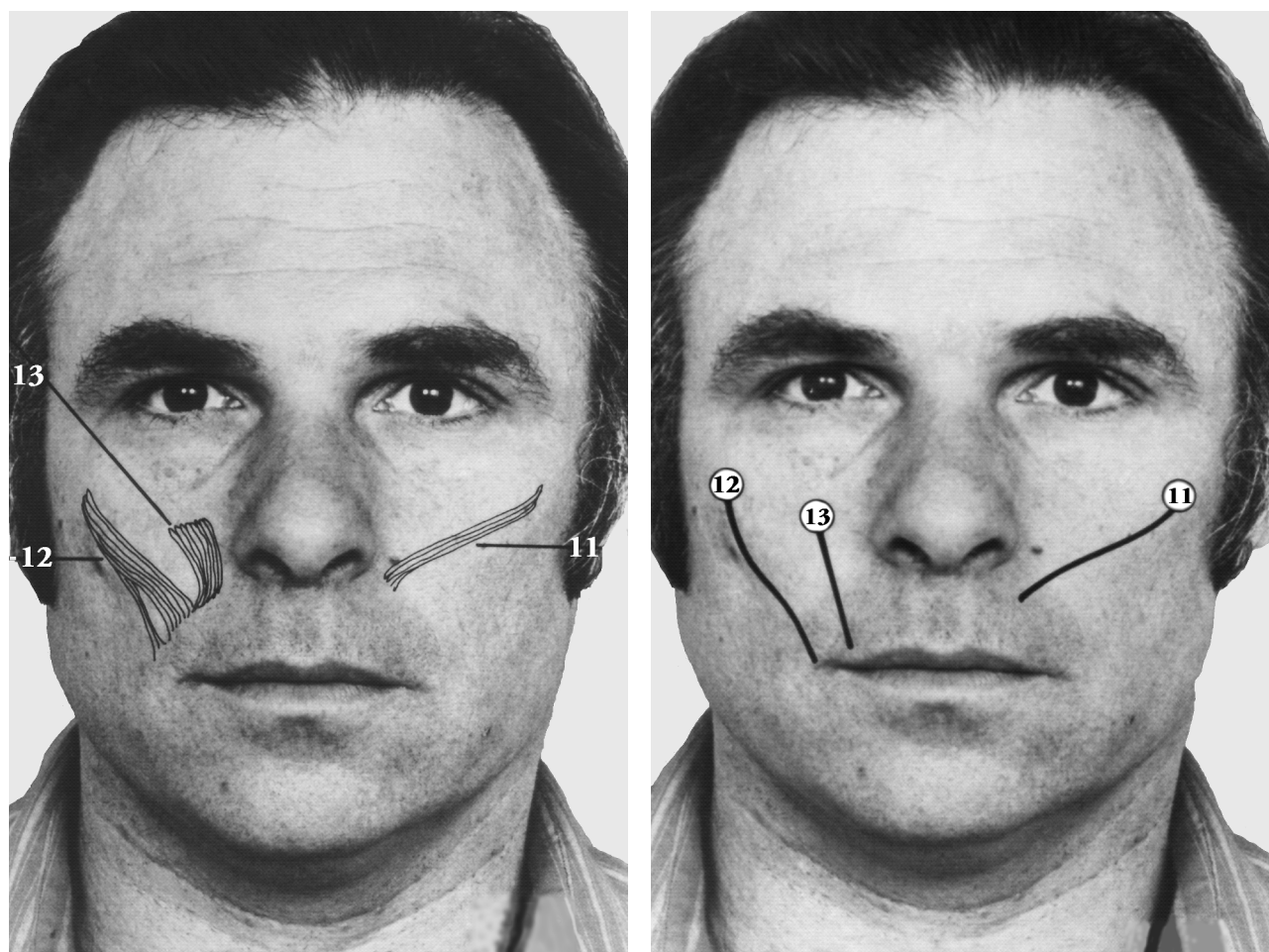


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## Chapter 6: *Lower face Action Units – Oblique Actions*

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**Figure 6-1. Locations of lower face oblique action units**



**Muscular Anatomy**

**Muscular Action**

Figure 6-1 shows the three muscles of the lower face underlying AUs 11, 12, and 13. These actions are called *Oblique* because the action of each involves pulling the skin of the face upward at an oblique angle. AU 12 (Lip Corner Puller) is a significant action that produces appearance changes in the lips and cheeks that most people would call a smile, but AU 11 (Nasolabial Furrow Deepener) and AU 13 (Sharp Lip Puller) produce somewhat similar changes in the same general area of the face. It is important to distinguish among these actions.