# Dead Or In Prison: The True Story of a Serial Killer's Reign of Terror and the Victims Who Fought Back



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For more than a decade, the East Area Rapist terrorized California, leaving behind a trail of broken bodies and shattered lives. But a group of brave victims refused to let him destroy their lives, and they fought back. This is their story.

## The Beginning of the Terror

The East Area Rapist's first known attack occurred in June 1976 in Sacramento, California. He broke into a woman's home, tied her up, and raped her. Over the next several years, he would go on to attack more than 50 women in California, Oregon, and Washington. His victims were of all ages, from teenage girls to elderly women.

The East Area Rapist was a cunning and sadistic predator. He often stalked his victims for days before attacking them. He would often break into their homes at night, and he would often tie them up and torture them before raping them. He would also often steal items from his victims' homes, such as jewelry and clothing.

The East Area Rapist's reign of terror caused widespread fear and panic in California. Women were afraid to go out at night, and they were afraid to leave their homes unlocked. The police were overwhelmed by the number of attacks, and they were unable to catch the perpetrator.

### **The Victims Fight Back**

As the East Area Rapist's attacks continued, a group of his victims decided to fight back. They formed a support group, and they began to share their stories with the media. They also began to work with the police to try to catch the perpetrator.

The victims' efforts eventually paid off. In 2018, the East Area Rapist was finally arrested. He was identified as Joseph James DeAngelo, a former police officer. DeAngelo was convicted of 13 murders, 13 kidnapping charges, and 51 rapes. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The victims' courage and determination helped to bring their attacker to justice. They are an inspiration to all survivors of sexual assault, and they show that even the most horrific crimes can be overcome.

#### The Aftermath

The East Area Rapist's attacks had a profound impact on the victims and their families. Many of the victims suffered from PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Some of them were unable to work or go to school. Some of them even had to move away from their homes.

The victims have found strength and healing in each other. They have formed a support group, and they continue to share their stories with each other and with the public. They are working to raise awareness about sexual assault, and they are helping other survivors to heal.

The East Area Rapist's attacks are a reminder that sexual assault is a serious crime. It is a crime that can have a devastating impact on the victims and their families. But it is a crime that can be overcome. With courage and determination, survivors can heal and rebuild their lives.



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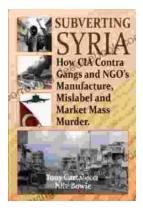


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