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<sup>12</sup> **Greek: kataphroneó**

**Definition:** to think little of

**Usage:** I despise, scorn, and show it by active insult, to disregard.

<sup>13</sup> **Properly:** view *down*, i.e. with a negative (hostile) outlook; to despise, thinking *down* on (thinking *little* of); to esteem lightly, to see as insignificant or detestable; to treat with contempt or disregard; to devalue; to depreciate (scorn); pay no regard to (because something seems of *no account*); " 'to despise, to scorn,' and to show it by active insult".

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and go and find the lost one, and bring it back to me.  
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Greek: mikros

Meaning: little, small

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The vulnerable, the disenfranchised, the sidelined, the unimportant (*from a worldly perspective*), the unseen, the endangered.....

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## Greek: planaó

**Definition:** to cause to wander, to wander

**Usage:** I lead astray, deceive, cause to wander

**Properly:** go astray, get off-course; to *deviate* from the correct path

(circuit, course), *roaming* into error, *wandering*, (passive) be misled.

**This term nearly always conveys the *sin* of roaming, drifting, backsliding....being deceived and misled by a devious opponent.**

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**Usage:** I rejoice, I am glad;; to delight in God's *grace*("rejoice") –

**Liiterally:** to experience *God's grace (favor)*, be conscious (glad) for His *grace*.

**God rejoices, He takes joy in extending grace and favor toward the person who is in danger of being lost or marginalized.**

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**Usage:** (a) I kill, destroy, (b) I lose: I am perishing

(the resultant death or destruction being viewed as certain).

**Properly:** *fully* destroy, cutting *off entirely*

("violently/completely perish") implies *permanent*(absolute) destruction, i.e. to cancel out (remove);

**"to die, with the implication of ruin and *destruction*";**

**to cause to experience a miserable end.**

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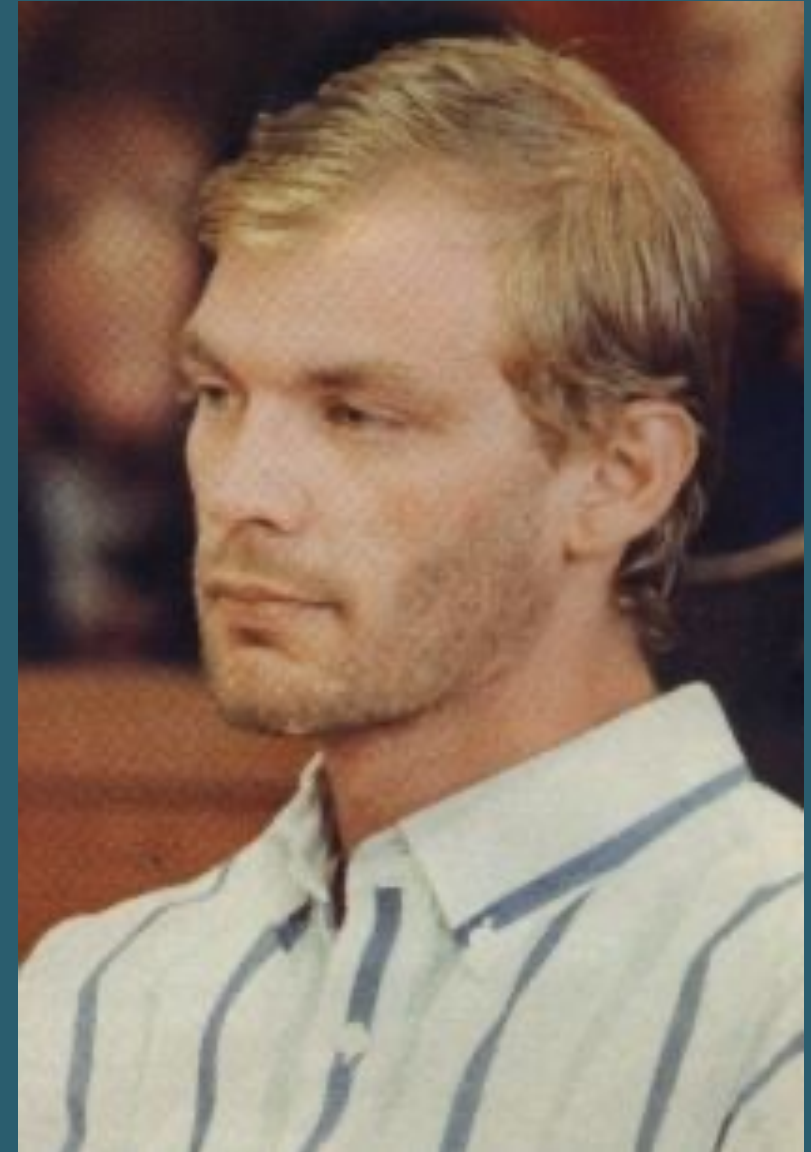
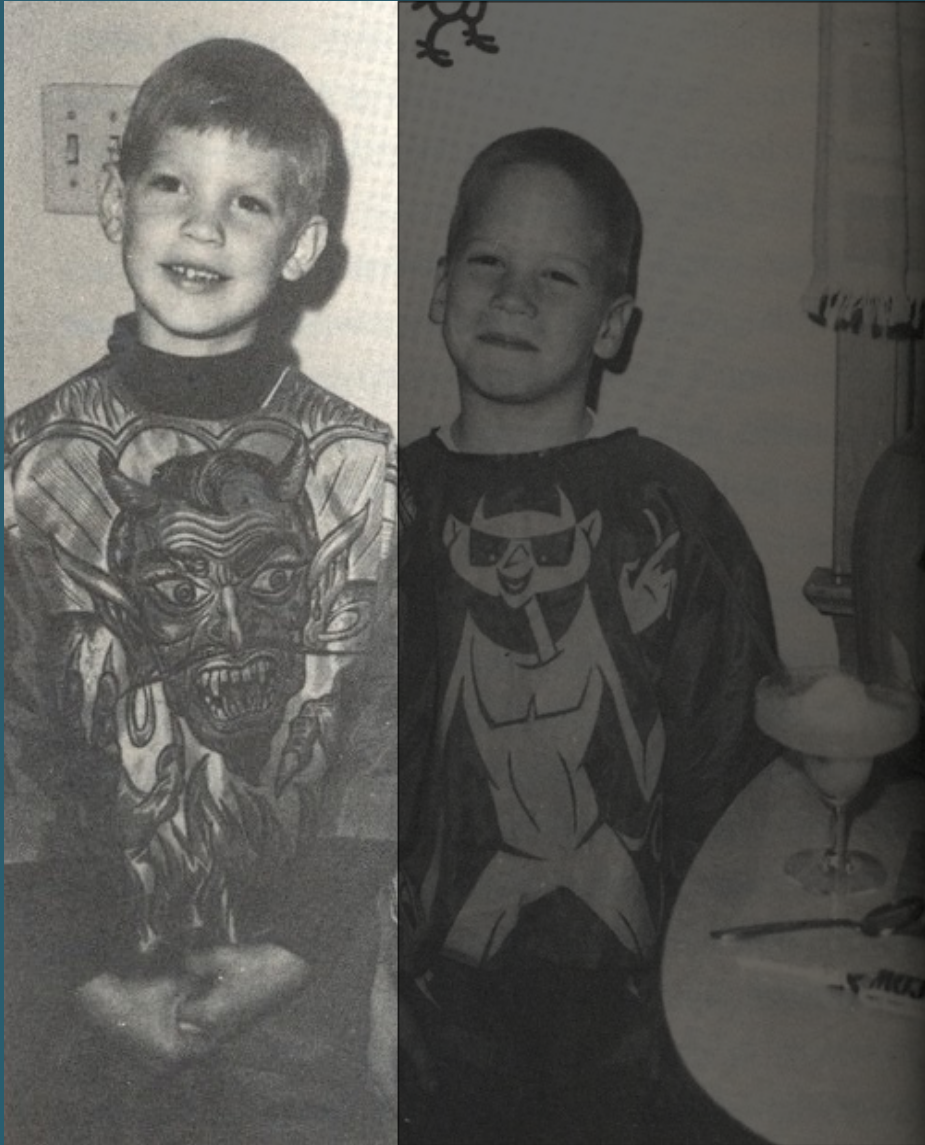
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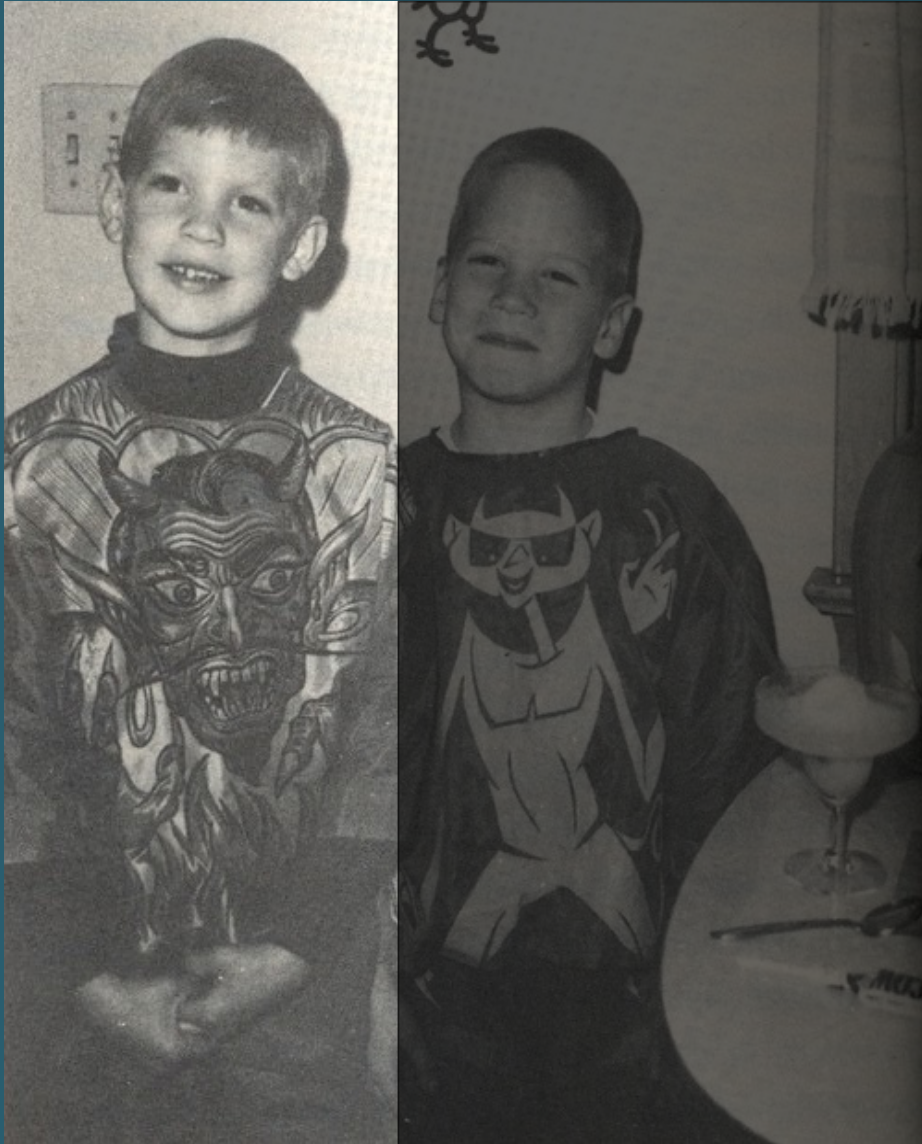


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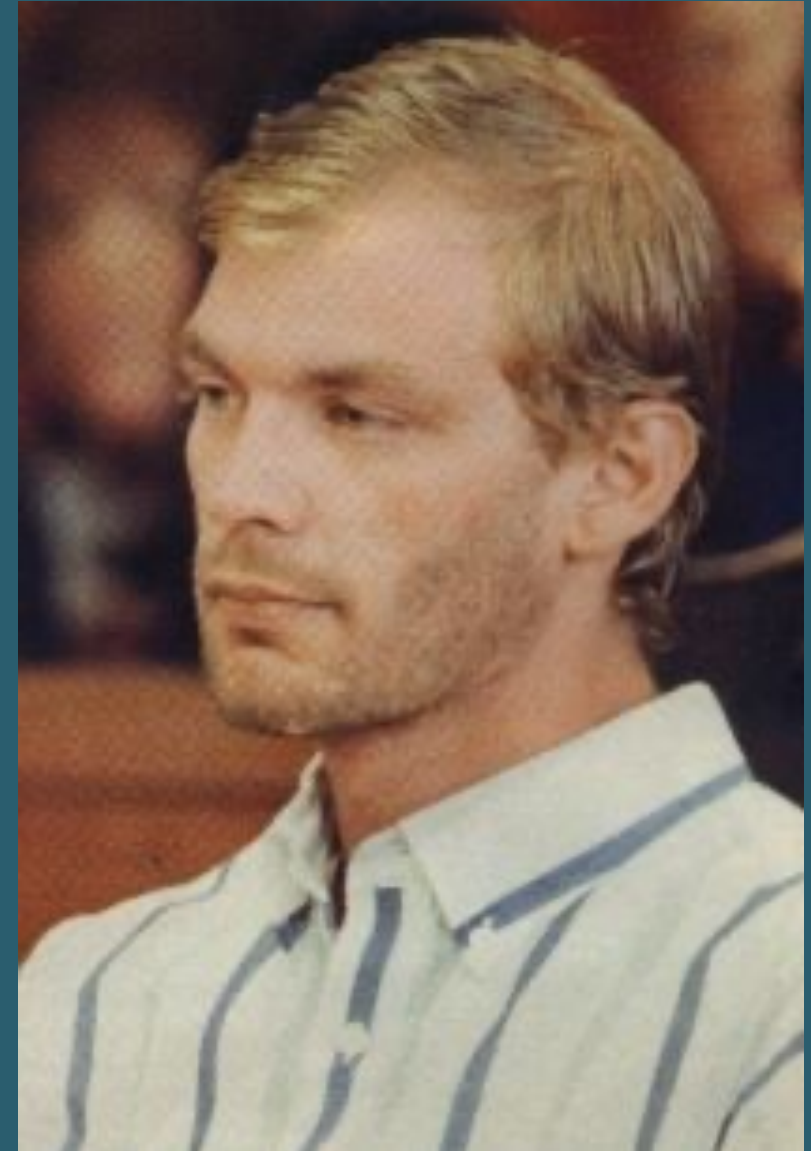
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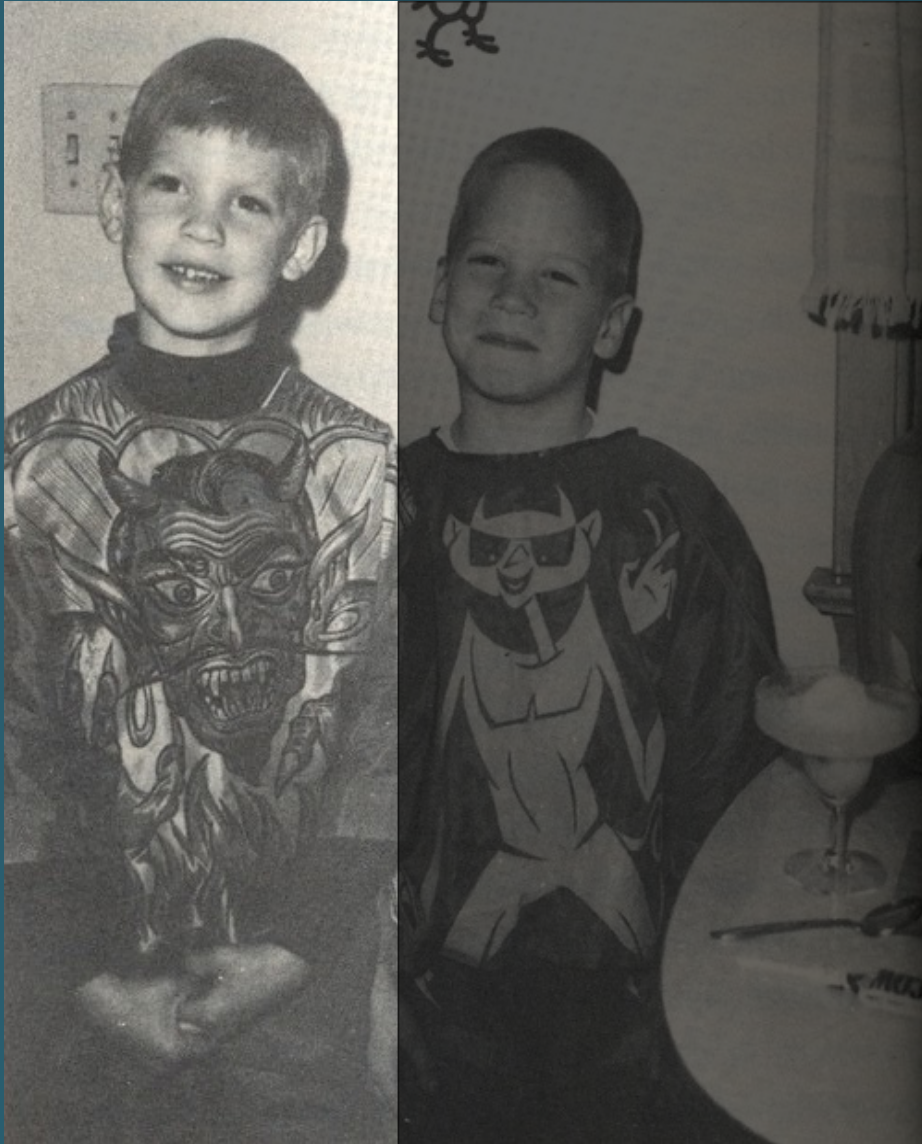
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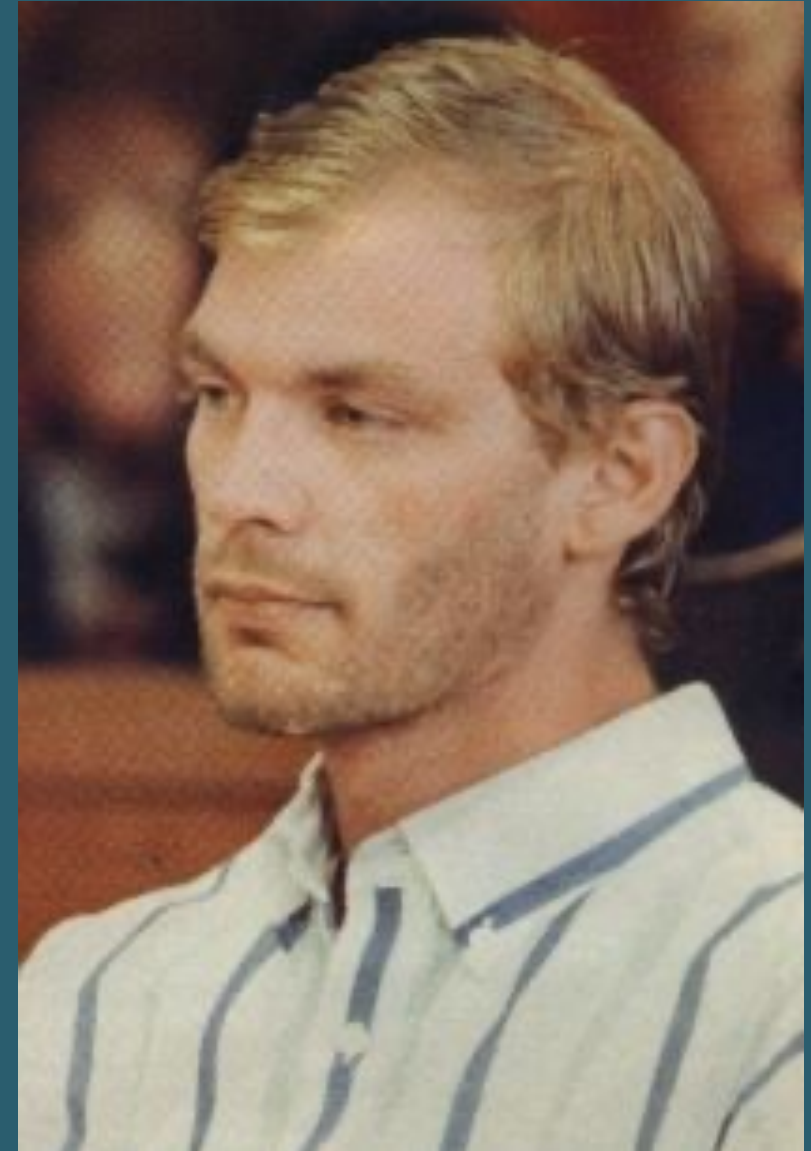


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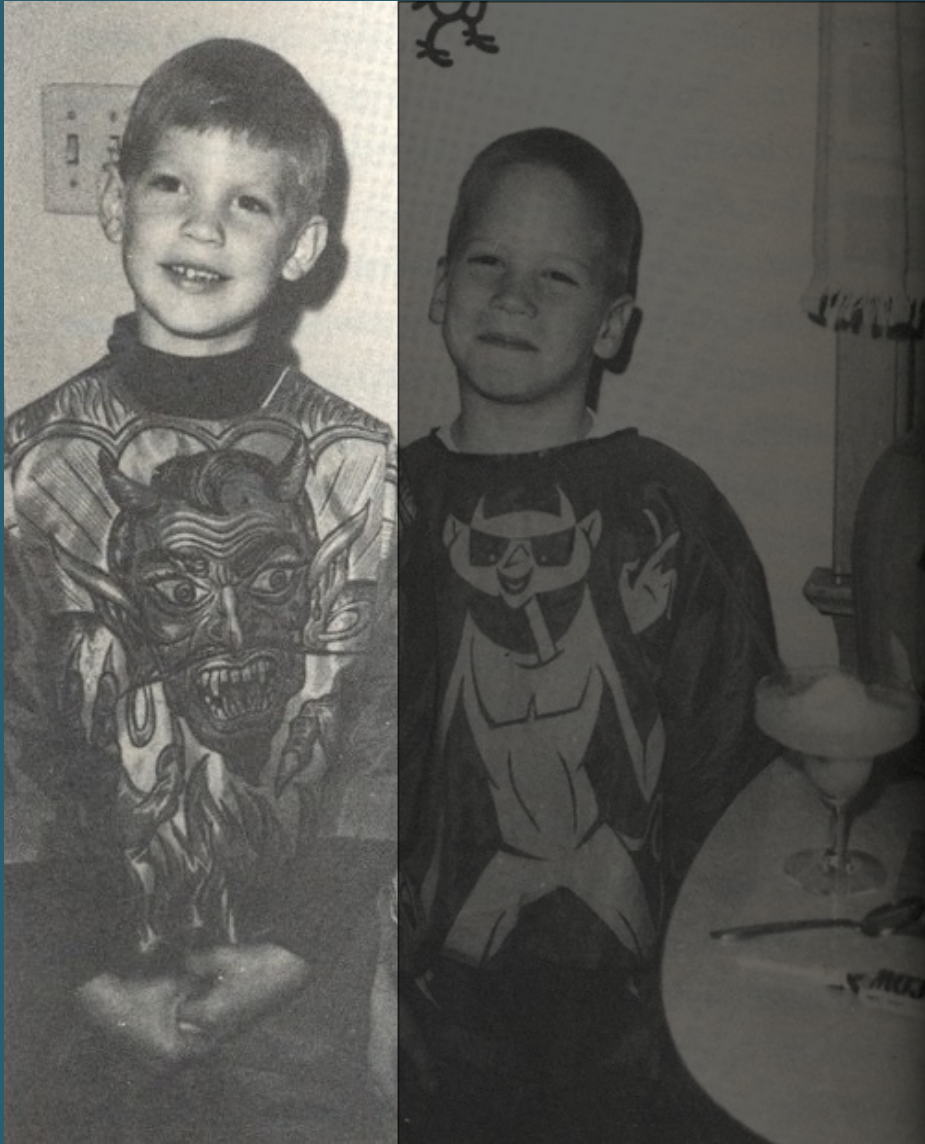
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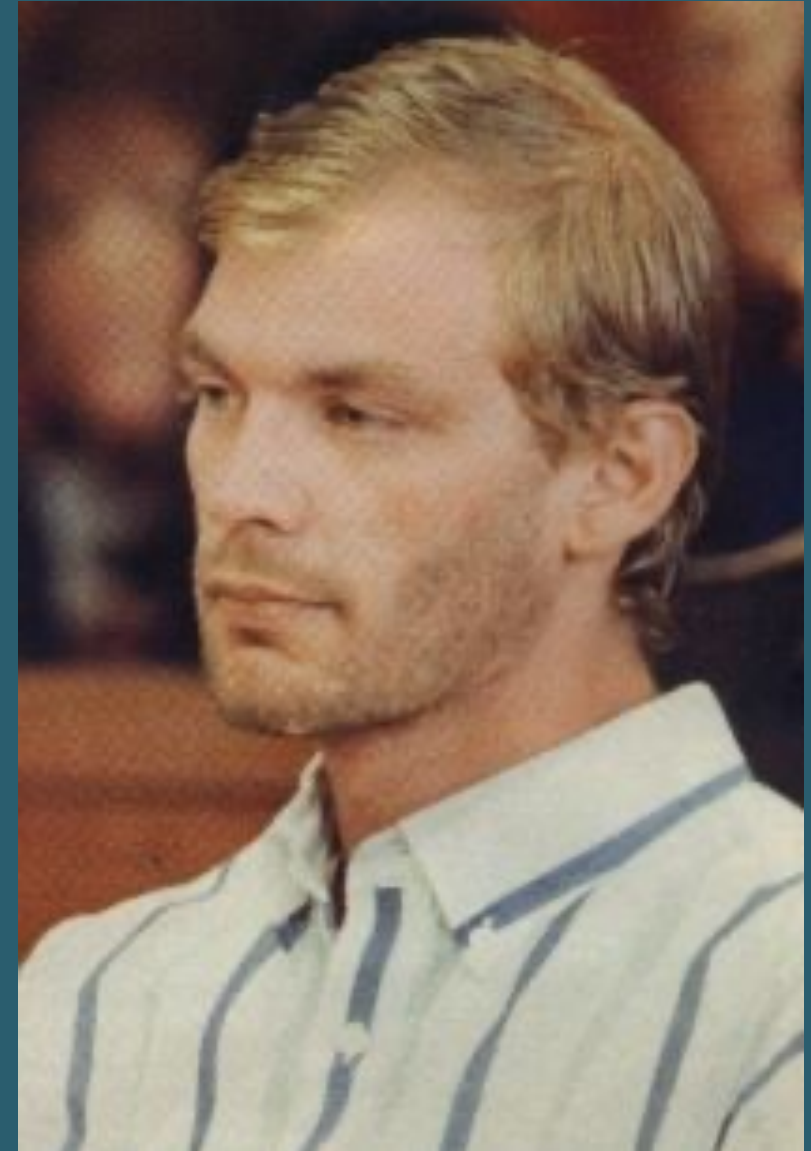
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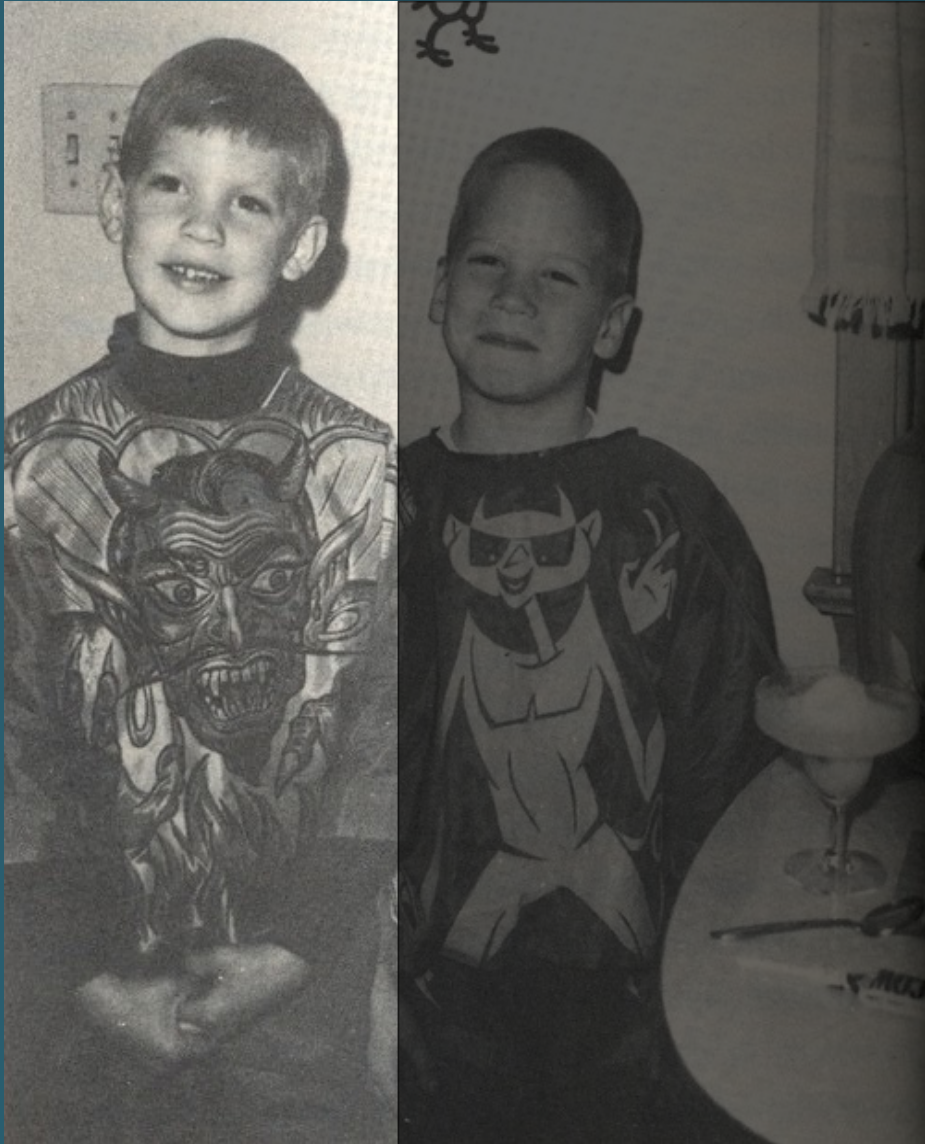
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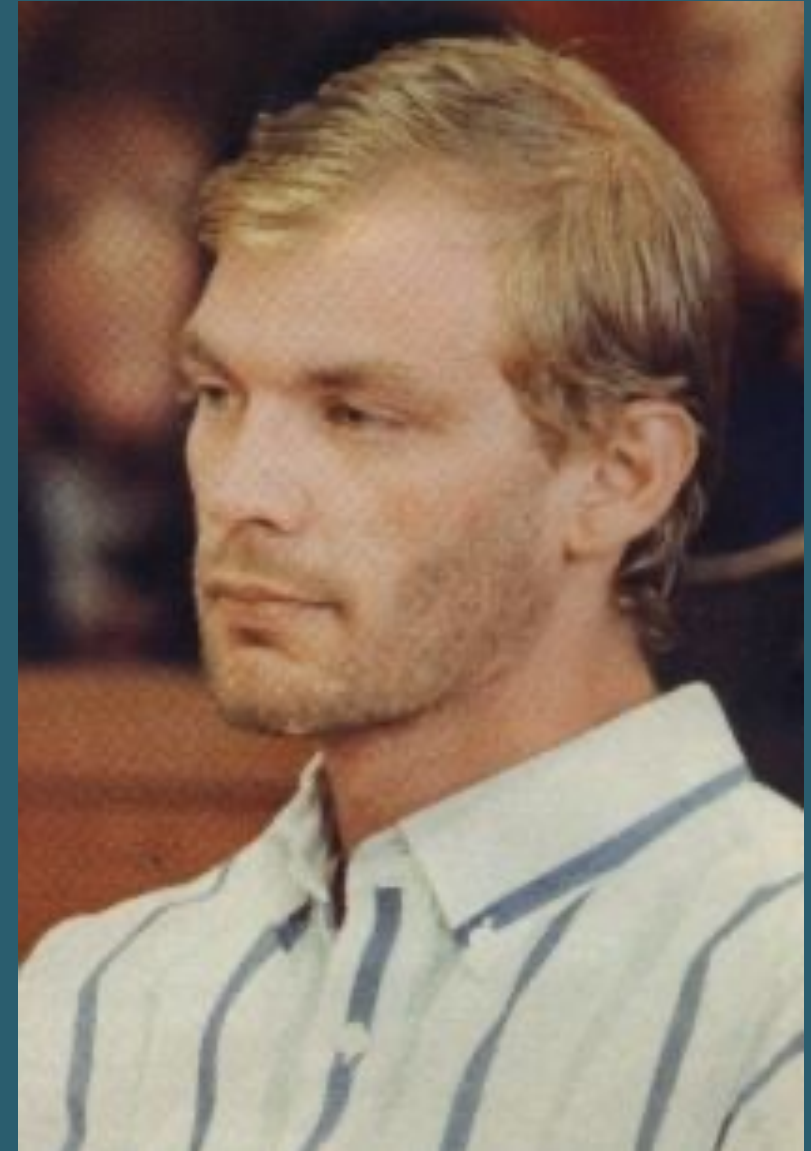
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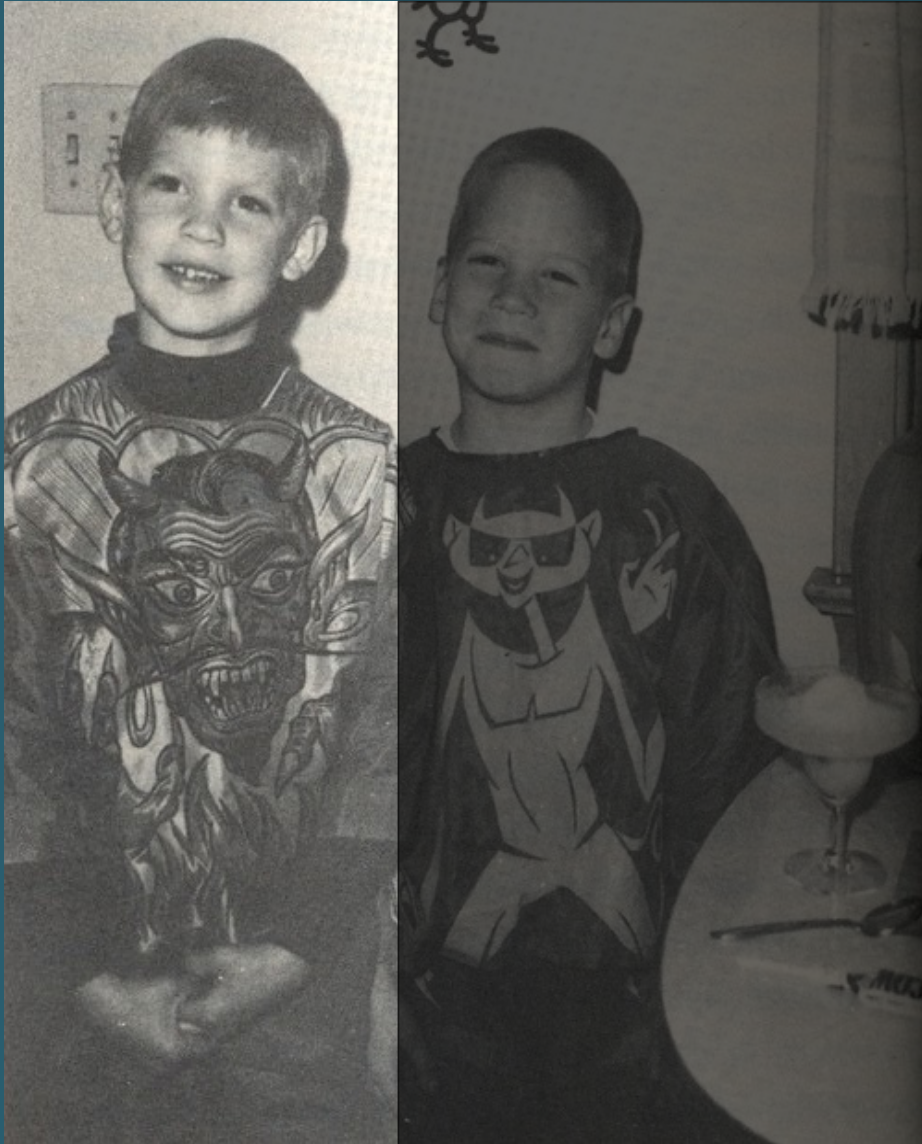
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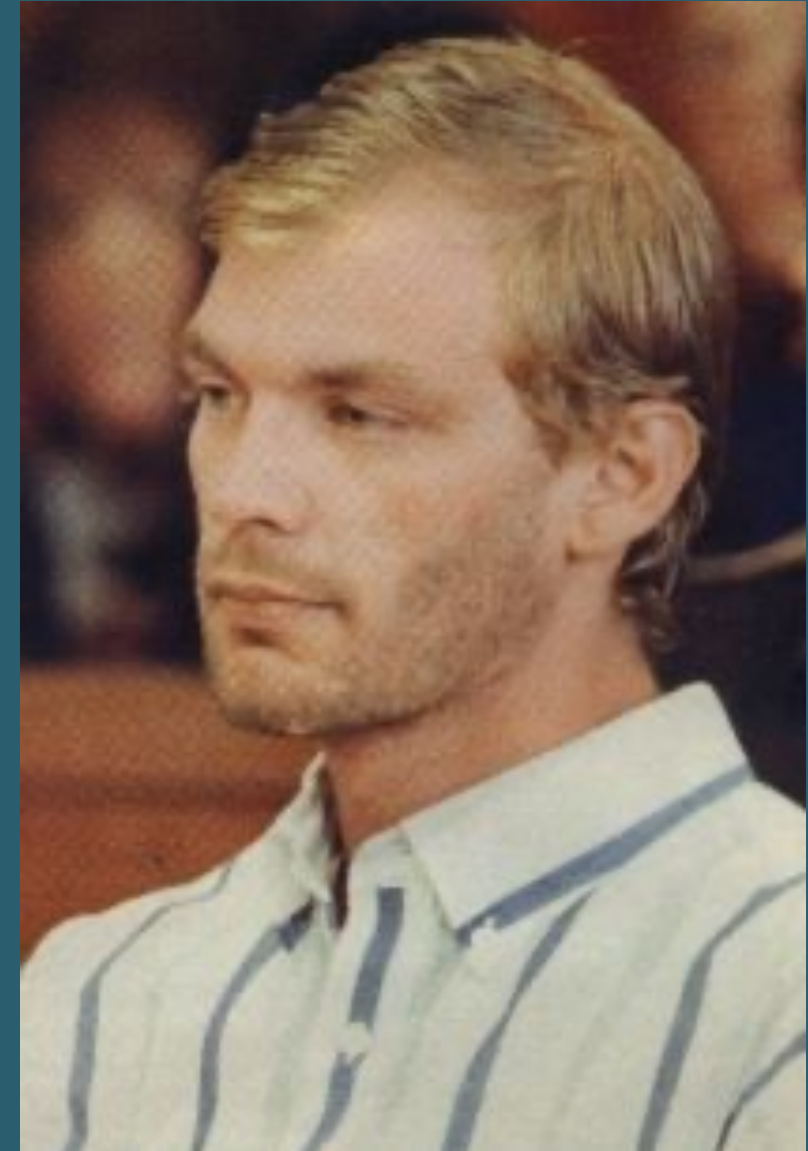


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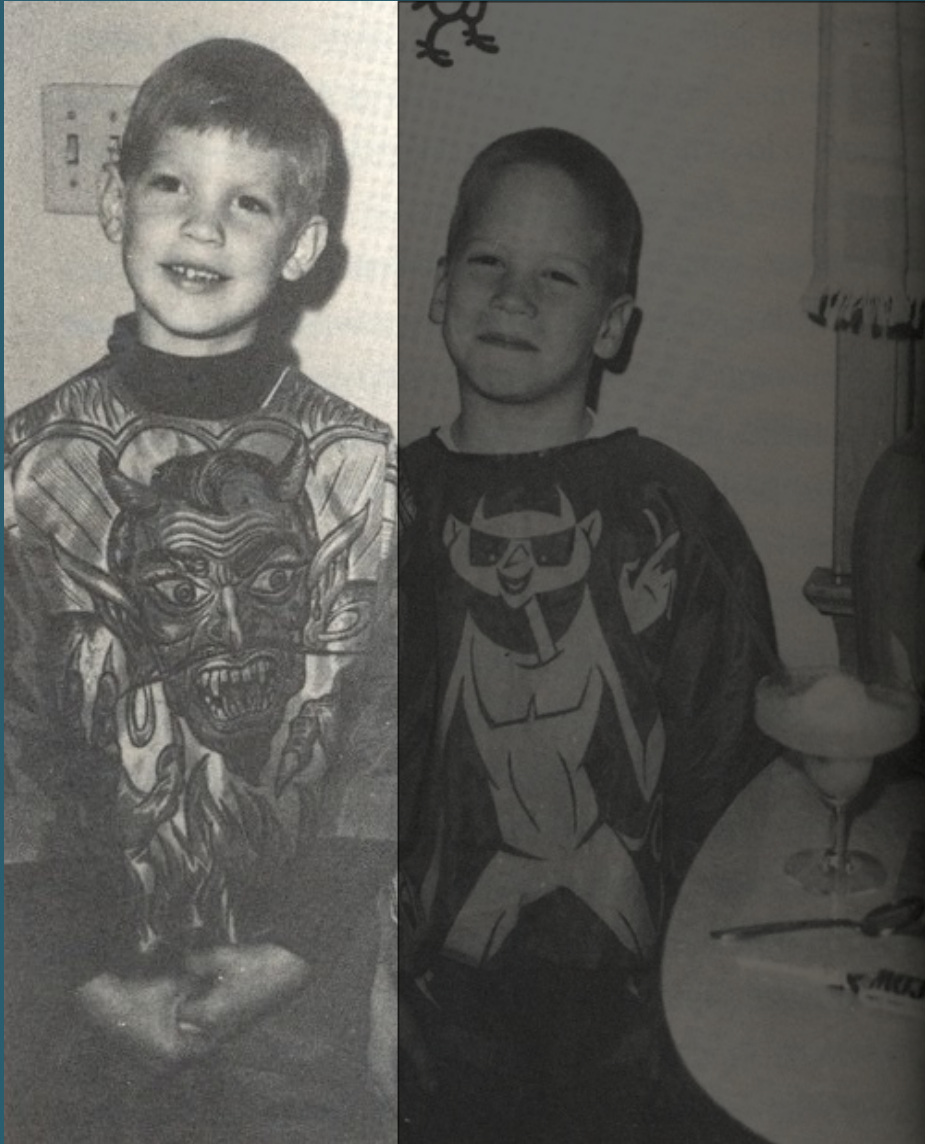


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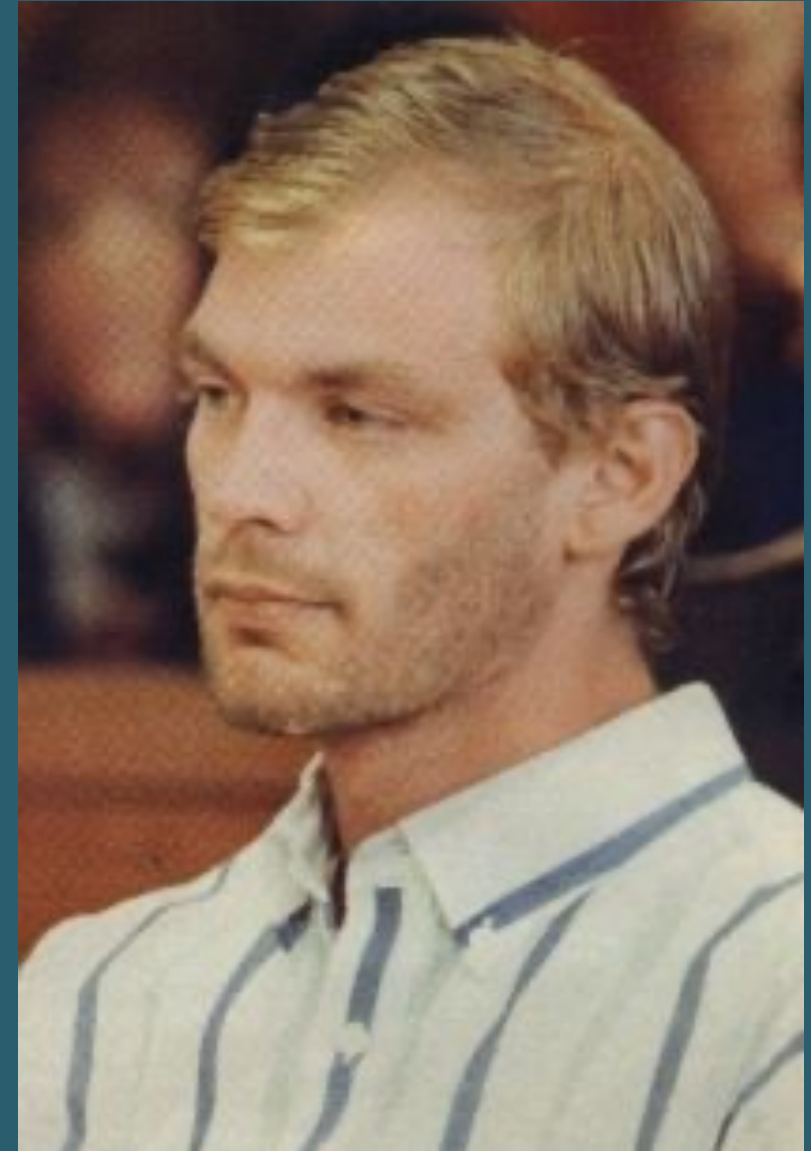
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