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Unmasking the Golden State Killer: The Hunt for Joseph James DeAngelo

Short Answer Key

1. The Golden State Killer committed a series of rapes and murders across California.
2. Advances in forensic DNA analysis contributed to the breakthrough in the case by allowing investigators to build a family tree through genealogy websites.
3. Joseph James DeAngelo avoided the death penalty by cooperating with authorities and pleading guilty.
4. DeAngelo's former profession was a police officer, which helped him evade capture due to his knowledge of police procedures.
5. Investigators traced DeAngelo's identity using genealogy websites by matching DNA from crime scenes to distant relatives in the databases.

