

History! Is it to die for?

“He [Eric James] offered money and credentials to my school if I went along with it.”

In 2009, shortly after the release of her second book, *The Truth About Jesse James*, author Betty Dorsett Duke (www.jessejamesintexas.com) and some of her fellow researchers Greg Ellison and Dallas Hunt; began to receive death threats via email. Alarmed at the violent content of these emails which also threatened the lives of some of their family members, including children; they contacted the appropriate authorities. The man sending these threats was identified, located and the issue was dealt with. Still; Ms. Duke, Greg Ellison and Dallas Hunt had questions. Did the perpetrator work alone or was he working; with or for someone else? That question was recently at least partially answered on Greg Ellison’s Delphi forum.

On December 17, 2011 the man who sent many of the threats publicly apologized for his actions and identified those who he claims “hired” him. He started by listing his cohorts and describing his involvement with them. His confession is as follows:

“Cohorts: Eric James, Gay Mathis, Chuck Rabas, Melvin Graf, Irvin Blankenship, Rollie Taylor, Gibson Moore, Bill Dodd, Sally Goodson, Fran Bolton, Carol Holmes, Michael Venable ...”

(Note: One of the men listed, Eric James, is the president of the James Preservation Trust, an organization which has a long track record of posting false information in regards to Jesse James and other James family histories. In addition he operates another website tainted with the same false information which can be found here: www.ericjames.org .)

The full confession can be viewed here:

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