DARK CASE PARANORMAL

PARANORMAL CASE FILE 06

The Amityville Horror

112 Ocean Avenue, Amityville, USA, 1974–1976

CASE STATUS	PARANORMAL CLAIM / HIGHLY CONTESTED
LOCATION	Amityville, Long Island, New York

CASE SUMMARY

The Amityville story combines a real 1974 multiple murder with the later haunting claims of George and Kathy Lutz, who moved into the house in 1975 and left after 28 days.

THE MURDERS

On 13 November 1974 Ronald DeFeo Jr. killed six members of his family. His conviction is a separate, established criminal event.

THE LUTZ FAMILY

George and Kathy Lutz moved into the property in December 1975 and later described frightening phenomena, including strange smells, cold areas, physical sensations and other disturbances.

PUBLICATION

Their story became the basis of Jay Anson's 1977 bestseller The Amityville Horror. Ed and Lorraine Warren also became associated with the investigation.

CONTROVERSY

The supernatural claims have been challenged for decades. Questions have been raised about inconsistencies, financial motives and embellishment. The house's later history does not independently establish a haunting.

CASE ASSESSMENT

The murders and Lutz occupancy are historical facts; the supernatural explanation remains highly disputed. Classification: HIGHLY CONTESTED.

SOURCE REGISTER

Sources used for the case file. Reported phenomena are described as claims; paranormal causation is not treated as established fact.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Dark Case Paranormal separates documented history, witness testimony, investigation, folklore and interpretation. A famous or unexplained case is not automatically proof of a supernatural cause.