Serial Killers

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Types of Multiple Killers

	Mass	Spree	Serial
# of victims	4+	2+	3+
# of events	1	1	3+
# of locations	1	2+	3+
Cooling-off period	no	no	yes

Serial Killer Frequency

- Hickey (2002)
  - 337 males and 62 females in U.S. from 1800-1995
  - 158 males and 29 females in U.S. from 1975-1995
- Gorby (2000)
  - 300 international serial killers from 1800-1995
- Radford Data Base
  - 1,495 serial killers
  - U.S. and International

Murder By Strangers

Year	%
2000	33.6
1995	34.3
1991	35.1
1985	22.5
1976	8.5

General Serial Killer Profile
Demographics

- Male
  - Our data base: 88.87%
  - Kraemer, Lord & Heilbrun (2004) study of 157 serial killers: 96%
- White
  - 78.7% of all serial killers (68% in Kraemer et al, 2004)
  - 73% of male serial killers
  - 93% of female serial killers
- Average intelligence
  - 107 in our data base
  - n = 74
- Seldom involved with groups

General Serial Killer Profile
Age

Race	N	Mean
Our data	714	28.73
Kraemer et al. (2004)	157	31

General Serial Killer Profile
Demographics – Average age is 28.73

- Males
  - 27.5 is average age at first kill
    - 9 is the youngest (Robert Dale Segee)
    - 72 is the oldest (Ray Copeland)
  - Jesse Pomeroy (Boston in the 1870s)
    - Killed 28 people by the age of 14
    - Spent 58 years in solitary confinement until he died
- Females (Kelleher & Kelleher, 1998)
  - 30 is average age at first kill
    - 14 is youngest (Caril Ann Fugate)
    - 55 is oldest (Marie Becker)
  - Angels of death, revenge killers, and team killers tend to be younger

General Serial Killer Profile
Race

Race	Our Data N=1,377	Kraemer et al (2004) N=157
White	78.7%	68
Black	13.7%	27
Hispanic	4.4%	
Asian	3.2%	

Race
African American Serial Killers

- 44 Jake Bird
- 23 Wayne Williams
- 15 Richard Jameswhite
- 14 Vincent Groves
- 13 Sydney Jones
- 11+ Eugene Britt
- 11 Benjamin Atkins
- 11 James Pough
- 11 Richard Tipton
- 11 Henry Wallace
- 10+ Coral Watts
- 10 Bobby Joe Maxwell
- 10 Michael Player
- 9 John Brooks
- 9 Jarvis Catoe
- 8 Nathaniel Code

Race
Hispanic Serial Killers

- 25 Juan Corona
- 20 Adolfo Constanzo
- 15 Richard Ramirez
- 12 Robert Diaz
- 11 Juan Chavez
- 10 Richard Angelo
- 9 Lloyd Gomez
- 9 Manny Pardo

- 8 Augustin Chacon
- 7 Fernando Cota
- 7 Diana Lumbrera
- 5 Genaro Camacho
- 5 Richardo Caputo
- 5 Leslie Torres
- 4 Danny Figueroa
- 4 Carmello Dejesus

Race
Prolific White Serial Killers

- 100 Joseph Fischer
- 60 Donald Evans
- 50 Amy Gilligan
- Edward Eastman
- 42 Thomas Creech
- 40 Frank Abbandano
- Charles Nicoletti
- 39 Gerald Stano

- 36 Ted Bundy
- 34 Brandon Tholmer
- 33 John Wayne Gacy
- Bruce Davis
- 30 William Downing
- Martin Goldstein
- 27 Dean Corrl
- Elmer Henley
- Herman Mudgett

Intelligence
The Smart

- 165 Debora Green
- 160 Charlene Gallego
- 155 Ted Kaczynski
- 152 Carroll Cole
- 148 Gary Heidnik
- 145 Ed Kemper
- 134 Thomas Dillon
- 130 Harvey Glatman
- 130 Marcel Petiot
- 130 Gerald Schaefer

- 130 Angel Resendez
- 129 Paul Knowles
- 129 Randy Craft
- 128 John Christie
- 128 Joel Rifkin
- 126 David Copeland
- 125 David Carpenter
- 125 Ted Bundy (136)
- 122 Michael Ross
- 121 Charles Manson (109)

Intelligence
The Not So Smart

- 65 Clarence Victor
- 68 Bruce Lee
- 69 Louis Craine
- 69 Christine Falling
- 70 Kuno Hofmann
- 73 Hubert Geralds
- 75 Jeffrey Dahmer
- 75 Coral Watts

- 84 "Zoo Man" Huskey
- 85 Otis Toole
- 85 Daniel Blank
- 89 Henry Lee Lucas
- 89 Danny Rolling
- 90 Vernon Butts
- 91 Robert Hanson
- 95 Richard Chase

General Serial Killer Profile
Childhood

- Birth Order (our database, n=223)
  - Only child   15%
  - Oldest child   33%
  - Middle born   27%
  - Youngest   24%
- Adopted (our database, n=239)
  - Adopted   14%
  - Birth parent(s) 78%
  - Other   8%

General Serial Killer Profile
Childhood

- Unstable home (37%)
- Absence of loving and nurturing relationship
- Physical ailments and disabilities
- Head injuries
- Triad
  - bed wetting
  - fire starting
  - animal torture

Effects of the Family
Child Abuse

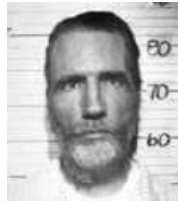| Comparison of Serial Killers to the General Population (Mitchell & Aamodt, 2005)		
Type of Abuse	General Population	Serial Killers
Physical	6%	36%
Sexual	3%	26%
Psychological	2%	50%
Neglect	18%	18%
Other	6%	Not applicable
No Abuse Reported	70%	32%

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Gary Heidnik

- 3 years old
- Didn't clean room properly
- Father hung him by his feet out of a 3rd story window

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Henry Lee Lucas

- 3 years old
  – Mother forced him to watch her have sex with strangers
- 7 years old
  – Mother made him go to school dressed like a girl
  – Mother beat him when his teacher gave him a pair of shoes
- 10 Years old
  – Mother's lover showed him how to kill animals and then have sex with them

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Danny Rolling

- 6 months
  - Father kicked him into a wall
- 1 year old
  - Father beat him when he crawled funny
- 6-8 years old
  - Father beat him twice a week
- 13 years old
  - Father handcuffs him to brother, beats them, leaves them outside

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Robert Garrow

- 1 year old
  - Father made him kneel for hours in the corner
- 2 years old
  - Mother splits his head open with a crowbar during a beating
- 5 years old
  - Knocked unconscious when mother hits him in the head with a piece of wood
- 6 Years old
  - Beaten unconscious by his father
  - Made to wear his sister's bloomers out to play

General Serial Killer Profile
Forensic History

- Triad
- Most have a criminal history (80%)
- 75% spent time in jail/prison prior to their serial killing
- Many received psychiatric treatment
- 33% spent time in a forensic unit
- Many murdered well before their serial killing

Categorizing the Serial Killer

- Killer
  - sex, race, age
  - IQ
  - psychopathology
- Crime Scene
  - type of weapon
  - use of torture
  - attempt to hide body
  - location
- Motive
  - sex
  - power
  - financial gain
- Victim
  - sex, race, age
  - occupation
  - personality

Motive	Spouse, Family	Random Strangers	Specific Type	Specific Strangers	Employees	Patients
			Type of Victim			
Money	Black Widow		Contract Killer		Cost Cutter	Lethal Caretaker
Sex		Disorganized Lust	Organized Lust			
Thrill		Disorganized Thrill	Organized Thrill			
Power	Bluebeard					Angels of Death
Revenge	Revenge					
Psychosis		Visionary				
Hate			Missionary			
Attention	Munchausen					Munchausen
No motive		Anti-social				

Types of Serial Killers
Visionaries

- Psychotic - told to kill
  - paranoia, schizophrenia
  - 1% of killers are psychotic (Henn et al., 1976)
- Examples
  - Herbert Mullin
  - Miguel Rivera
  - Joseph Kallinger

Herbert Mullin

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1972-1973
  - Killed 13 in Santa Cruz, CA
  - Shot most of his victims
- Vision
  - Voices told him to shave his head and burn his penis with a cigarette (he obeyed)
  - Voices told him to kill in order to prevent a catastrophic earthquake

Joseph Kallinger

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1974-1975
  - Murdered 3 in NJ and PA (including one of his sons)
  - Robbed and assaulted many others
  - His 13 year old son was his accomplice
- Vision
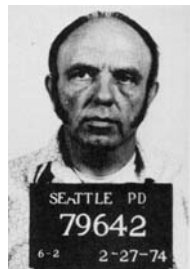 - Told by God (through a large floating head with tentacles) to murder young boys and sever their genitals

Harvey Carignan

- Crimes
  - Known as the "Want-ad Killer"
  - Operated in Seattle 1973-1974
  - Killed 3 (probably many more) by smashing their skull with a hammer
- Vision
  - Told by God to kill women
  - God didn't tell him why

Types of Serial Killers
Missionaries

- Kill to "Clean-up" world
- Examples
  - Joseph Franklin
    - Killed interracial couples and African Americans
    - Wounded Vernon Jordan and Larry Flynt (*Hustler* Magazine)
  - Wolfgang Abel
    - Killed drug addicts
  - Axe Man of New Orleans
    - Killed 11 (most were Italian grocers)
  - Carroll Cole

Carroll Edward Cole

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1975-1980
  - Killed at least 13 women in several western states
- Mission
  - Rid the world of loose women
  - All his victims cheated on their significant-other with Cole

Types of Serial Killers
Hedonists

- Kill for fun or profit
- Subtypes
  - Lust Killers (kill for sexual gratification)
    - Organized
    - Disorganized
    - Mixed
  - Thrill Killers (kill for the thrill of killing)
  - Gain Killers
    - Contract Killers
    - Black Widows
    - Lethal Caretakers
    - Cost Cutters

Examples of Lust Killers

- Organized Killers
  - Ted Bundy
  - John Gacy
  - Chris Wilder
  - Kenneth Bianchi
  - Ed Kemper
- Disorganized Killers
  - Arthur Shawcross
  - Richard Chase
  - Jeffrey Dahmer
  - Danny Rolling

Hedonists-Gain Killers
Black Widows

- The Crime
  - Kill husbands, lovers, or relatives for financial gain
  - Almost always women
  - Almost 90% use poison to kill their victims
- Examples
  - Diana Lumbrera (killed her 6 children for insurance)
  - Nanny Hazel Doss (killed 4 husbands, 2 sisters, 1 mother)
  - Lydia Trueblood (killed 4 husbands, 1 child, brother in-law)
  - Amy Gilligan (killed 5 husbands, several patients)

Hedonists - Gain Killers
Cost Cutters

- Crime
  - Kill to save money
- Examples
  - Joseph Briggen
    - Killed 12 ranch hands when their pay was due
    - Fed the people to his prize-wining pigs
  - Georg Grossman
    - Killed over 50 people, put the meat into his hotdogs
  - Joe Ball

Joe Ball

- Operated during the late 1930s
- Killed at least 5, probably 14, waitresses at his tavern (The Sociable Inn) in Texas
- Threw them into a pit with 5 alligators in the back of the tavern

Hedonists-Gain Killers
Lethal Caretakers - Profit

- The Crime
  - Kill patients for profit
  - Usually women
- Examples
  - Dorthea Puente killed 7 elderly to cash social security checks
  - Antoinette Scieri killed 12 elderly patients so that she could take their assets
  - Anna Hahn poisoned 5 elderly men she cared for to get their insurance

Types of Serial Killers
Power Seekers

- Kill to exert power over strangers
- Examples
  - Ted Bundy
  - David Berkowitz
  - Angelo Buono
  - Edward Kemper

Power Seekers
Angels of Death

- The Crime
  - Usually women
  - Kill patients for feelings of power and control
- Examples
  - Genene Jones - As a nurse, she killed between 11and 46 babies by injecting them with a muscle relaxant
  - Terri Rachals killed 9 patients through injections of potassium chloride
  - David Harvey is an example of a male angel of death
  - Gwendolyn Graham and Catherine Wood

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Gwendolyn Graham

Catherine Wood

- Killed 5 patients in Alpine Manor (a nursing home)
- Initial plan was to spell MURDER with the first letter in the last name of each victim
- Graham did all the killing and Wood kept watch

Power Seekers
Blue Beard Killers

- Males who kill their spouses
- Examples
  - Johann Hoch
  - Henri Landru
  - Harry Powers
  - James Watson

Henry Landu

- Romanced more than 300 women out of their money during the early 1900s in France
- Ran personal ads to meet his women
- Married and killed 10 of them
- Put their bodies in an oven to dispose of them

Lethal Caretakers
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

- The Crime
  - Kill or hurt others in order to be admired for curing them or to get sympathy for the death of a loved one
  - Mostly females
- Examples
  - Beverly Allitt injected insulin and potassium into 26 children (4 died, 9 had irreparable brain damage) over a 58-day period
  - Martha Woods - 27 respiratory attacks in 9 children resulted in 7 being killed (3 were her own children)

Types of Serial Killers
Revenge Killers

- Kill for revenge
- Examples
  - Martha Wise: Killed 3 family members opposing her marriage
  - Ellen Etheridge: Killed 4 of her 8 step-children because she was jealous of their relationship with her husband
  - Martha Johnson
    - Had 4 fights with her husband
    - After each fight, suffocated a child as revenge
    - Suffocated by laying on top of them (she weighed 250 pounds)

Types of Serial Killers
Antisocial Personalities

- Definition
  - Pattern of irresponsible or harmful behavior
  - Lack of conscience
  - Ignore social rules and laws
  - Impulsive
  - Fail to learn from punishment
- Examples
  - Gang Members
  - Criminals who kill for no reason

The Crime Scene

	Serial Killer Type	
Crime Characteristic	Disorganized	Organized
Body	disfigured	hidden
Sex	after death	before death
	unsuccessful	successful
Weapons	finds at scene	brings
Viciousness	torture	quick
Sophistication	low	high, learns each time

The Crime Scene

	Serial Killer Type	
Crime Characteristic	Disorganized	Organized
Totem	not taken	taken
Follows crime in news	no	yes
Victim	high risk	low risk
Gets to crime by	walking, bus	drives

Killer Profile

<u>   Serial Killer Type   .</u>

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Disorganized</u>	<u>Organized</u>
Residence	close to crime	further
IQ	less intelligent	intelligent
Employment	menial or unemployed	normal
Appearance	unattractive	attractive
Self-image	feels inferior	feels superior
Social	loner	outgoing

Killer Profile

<u>   Serial Killer Type   .</u>

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Disorganized</u>	<u>Organized</u>
Romance	lives alone	affairs, short relationships
Anger	keeps inside	acts out, bully, class clown
Birth order	low	high
Habits	nighttime	daytime
Childhood discipline	harsh	lax or inconsistent

Killer Profile

<u>   Serial Killer Type   .</u>

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Disorganized</u>	<u>Organized</u>
Family	alcoholism, mental illness	
Father's work	unstable	stable