Serial Killers

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Types of Multiple Killers

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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
### General Serial Killer Profile

#### Demographics

- **Male**
  - Our data base: 88.87%
- **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**

#### Age

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**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 Segree)
  - 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 Beiker)
  - Angels of death, revenge killers, and team killers tend to be younger

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**General Serial Killer Profile**

**Race**

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**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 Gerals
- 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%
- 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

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**Comparison of Serial Killers to the General Population (Mitchell & Aamodt, 2005)**

### 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

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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
    - Crimes
      - Operated during 1975-1980
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      - Rid the world of loose women
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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-winning 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 11 and 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

Gwendolyn Graham and 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

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