Serial Killers

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Types of Multiple Killers

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Note: # of victims for serial killers was revised from 3 to 2 at the 2005 FBI-sponsored symposium on serial murder.

Radford Serial Killer Database

- Currently has 2,756 serial killers
  - 1,788 from the U.S.
  - 968 from other countries
- Began with student serial killer timelines
- 18 years of data collection
- Goals
  - Accurate information for my forensic psychology class lectures
  - Provide accurate information to the public
  - Potentially assist law enforcement using statistical profiling models
Creating the Database

• Compiling names of serial killers
  – What is a serial killer?
    • 2 or more victims (this is a change in definition)
    • 2 separate events
    • Cooling off period in between
  – Determine whether person is actually a serial killer or a
    • Spree killer
    • Mass killer
    • None of the above
    • We eliminated 473 people found on common serial killers lists that
      are not actually serial killers
  – Issues
    • What to do with people who have killed once and clearly would have
      killed again had they not been caught?
    • What about a person with one kill and nine attempts?
    • Suspected v. confessed v. convicted

Creating the Database

• Gathering Information
  – Sources
    • True-crime books
    • Newspaper articles
    • On-line prison records
    • Court documents
    • Ancestry.com
    • Internet sites
  – Issues
    • Accuracy of information
    • Availability of information

Creating the Database

• Gathering Information
  – Information Obtained (141 variables)
    • Demographics (age, sex, race, country, state, city)
    • Childhood info
      • Birth order, raised by, teased, abused
    • Education and IQ
    • Vocational and military history
    • Criminal and forensic record
    • Information about the crime
      • Method, victim, location, partner
    • Information about the trial
      • NRG, sentence, confession,
  – New Section on Victims
    • Names & dates
    • Excellent check for data accuracy and will be useful in studying
      victims rather than killers
    • Information on 7,400 U.S. victims to date
Classifying the Killers

• Motive
  – Financial, thrill, power, revenge, anger, convenience
• Victim
  – Age, sex, race
  – High risk vs. low risk
  – Acquaintance vs. stranger
• Location (e.g., home invasion, street, hospital)
• Method
  – Strangle, bludgeon, shoot, stab, suffocate, poison

Classifying the Killers

• Kills family
  – Black widow (financial gain)
  – Bluebeard (power)
  – Attention (Munchhausen by proxy)
• Kills patients or other dependents
  – Angel of death (power)
  – Lethal caretakers (financial gain)
  – Baby farmers (financial gain)

Classifying the Killers

• Home invasion
  – Rape or no sex
  – Robbery or just killing
  – Age of victim (elderly, family, adult female)
  – Type of weapon used
  – Torture?
  – Overkill or mutilation?
  – Staging, posing, totems?
Problems with Dates

Date of Victim Death

• Date victim actually died
• Date of attempted kill (might be different if the person was in the hospital for several days before death)
• Date last seen
• Date reported missing
• Date body was found
• Date reported by killer
• Source differences
  – State death index
  – Social security index
  – Prison Inmate Locator information
  – Court transcripts

Problems with Locations

City, County, State

• Location of abduction
• Location of killing
• Location where body was dumped
• Location where body was found
• Burial location

Serial Killer Frequency

• Hickey (2010)
  – 352 males and 64 females in U.S. from 1826-2004
  – 158 males and 30 females in U.S. from 1970-2004
• Gorby (2000)
  – 300 international serial killers from 1800-1995
• Radford University Data Base (9/08/2012)
  – 2,756 serial killers
    • U.S.: 1,788
    • International: 968
  – Number of serial killers varies with each update because many names listed as serial killers are not actually serial killers and new serial killers are added
Serial Killers by Country

- 1,788 United States
- 101 Italy
- 98 South Africa
- 95 England
- 82 Japan
- 72 Germany
- 59 Canada
- 48 Australia
- 47 France
- 37 Russia
- 31 India
- 28 China
- 20 Mexico
- 14 Brazil
- 13 Scotland
- 10 Poland

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Problems with International Comparisons

- Language issues in finding serial killers in other countries
- Easier to find the “two kill” people in the U.S. than in other countries
- Centralization of records
- Media policy about publicizing murders
Age

- Age at the start of the series
- Potential problems
  - Should we use age at first kill rather than first kill in series?
  - 6% killed prior to the start of the series
  - Should we use age at first attempted murder
  - Many of the older serial killers spent time in prison prior to their series
- Simple descriptive statistics
  - Mean = 28.4 (SD = 9.3)
  - Median = 27
  - Youngest = 9 (Robert Dale Segee, final kill was at age 21)
  - Oldest = 72 (Ray Copeland)
- Only 27.5% actually fall into their mid-to-late 20’s (24 – 29)
General Serial Killer Profile
Demographics – Average age is 28.1

- **Males**
  - 29.0 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 2 people and tortured 8 by the age of 14
    - Spent 58 years in solitary confinement until he died

- **Females**
  - 30.9 is average age at first kill
  - 11 is youngest (Mary Flora Bell)
  - 66 is oldest (Faye Copeland)

A Problem with Profiling

- **Typical Serial Killer Profile in the Media**
  - A white, male, in his mid to late twenties

- **Statistics (U.S. Serial Killers)**
  - Male (91.4%)
  - White (52.4%)
  - Mid to late twenties (28.6%)
  - White, male (45.3%)
  - White male in his mid to late twenties (12.7%)

Gender Changes Across Time

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Race

- Most media sources suggest that non-White serial killers are rare.
- Justin Cottrell (2012) - *Rise of the Black Serial Killer*
  - Found hundreds of Black serial killers that were not on other lists.
  - Extensive search was useful but might now overestimate the percentage of Black serial killers because a similar extensive search was not used for other races (including Whites).

General Serial Killer Profile

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Serial Killing is a White Thing  
1980-2009

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Race

Prolific African American Serial Killers

- 44 Jake Bird
- 27 Coral Eugene Watts
- 23 Wayne Williams
- 19 Edward Suratt
- 17 Clementine Barshubet
- Milton Johnson
- 16 John Muhammad/ Lee Boyd Malvo
- Vincent Darrell Groves
- 15 Richard Jameswhite
- Fred Glover
- O’Dell, Pearl, & Peyton Jackson
- John Reed

Race

Prolific Hispanic Serial Killers

- 27 Angel Colon Maldonado
- 25 Juan Corona
- 23 Adolfo Constantino
- 16 Richard Ramirez
- Angel Maturino Resendiz
- 12 Robert Rubane Diaz
- Timothy Joseph McGhee
- 11 Juan Chavez
- 10 Eddie Seda
- 9 Jorge Benitez
- 9 Rolando Garcia
- 9 Alfredo R. Prieto
- 9 Dorothea Puente
- 7 Fernando Cota
- 7 Tondy Herrera
- 7 Diana Lumbrera
- 7 David Villareal
- 6 Juan Cordoba
- 6 Timothy Joseph McGhee
- 6 Paul Ruiz
- 6 Efren Saldivar
- 5 Ricardo Caputa
- 5 Ramon T. Hernandez
- 5 Leslie Torres
Race
Prolific U.S. White Serial Killers

- 49 Gary Ridgeway
- 48 Amy Archer-Gilligan
- 41 Billy Gohl
- Belle Gunness
- 40 Charles Cullen
- 37 Donald Harvey
- 36 Ted Bundy
- 35 Dr. Michael Swango
- 34 Gerard Schaefer
- 33 John Wayne Gacy
- 32 Patrick Kearney
- 31 Jane Toppan
- 30 Stanley Bernson
- Morris Bolber
- 29 Charles Cullen
- 28 David Douglas Hill
- 27 Dean Corrl, David Brooks
  Elmer Henley
  Herman Mudgett

Serial Killer IQ

- Media/Internet
  - High IQ
- Our Database (N = 202)
  - Mean = 95.1
  - Median = 89.0
  - Range (54 – 165)
- Rape
  - Yes (94.2)
  - No (96.3)
- Type
  - Organized (99.6)
  - Disorganized (93.2)
- Method of Killing
  - Bomb (140.3)
  - Gun (93.0)
  - Hands (95.0)

Are IQ Scores Reliable?

- You can fake dumb, but you can’t fake smart
- People scoring lower than 70 cannot be executed (*Atkins v. Virginia*, 2002)
- David Leonard Wood
  - 1977 – Age 19 – 111
  - 1980 – Age 23 – 64
  - 1980 – Age 23 – 101
  - 2011 – Age 54 – 75 (death sentence appeal)
  - Psychologist thought Wood was faking low
  - Wood correctly used “big words” in his letters
Intelligence
The Smart

- 165 Ted Kaczynski (155)
- 160 Charlene Gallego
- 152 Carroll Cole
- 145 Rudy Hodel
  Ed Kemper (136)
  Ronald Williams
  Herbert Coddington (142)
- 140 Charles Albright
  Robert Browne
  Harvey Gitman (130)
- 138 James Clifford Carson
- 136 Ted Bundy (125)
- 134 Thomas Dillon
  William Christenson
- 130 Lawrence Bittaker
  Juan Corona
  Gary Heidnik (148)
  Walter Leroy Moody (125)
  Marcel Petiot (135)
  Angel Resendez
  Gerard Schaefer
- 129 Bill Heinens
  Paul Knowles
  Randy Kraft
- 128 Joel Rifkin

Intelligence
The Not So Smart

- 54 Donnie Gene Craig
- 57 Simon Pirela
- 58 John Staffen
- 60 Eugene Britt
- 62 Willie James Hodges (66)
- 63 Arthur Goode
- 64 John Thomas Straffen (58)
  Arthur Culombe
- 65 Albert Dyer
  Derrick Todd Lee (91)
  Sean Paul Hanify
  Karl Lee Myers (75)
- 66 Elroy Chester (69)
  Charles Troy Coleman
- 67 Sean Paul Hanify
  Donald William Dufour (62)

Family Comparison

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*O’Hare (2008; Table 2)
Birth Order Comparison

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N = 440 2000 Census

General Serial Killer Profile
Childhood

- Unstable home
- 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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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
  – 83.4% were previously arrested
  – 74.5% had spent time in jail or prison
• Many received prior psychiatric treatment
• 11.3% spent time in a forensic unit prior to their series
• 6.0% killed prior to their serial killing
  – This is a difficult statistic to accurately compute

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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
### Type of Victim

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### Broad Motive

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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

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-winning pigs
  - Georg Grossman
    - Killed over 90 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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### Killer Profile

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<td>Appearance</td>
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<td>Self-image</td>
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