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/FGCU Serial Killer Database

- Currently has 3,337 serial killers
  - 2,320 from the U.S.
  - 1,017 from other countries
- Information on 9,289 victims (mostly U.S. and Canada)
- 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 (FBI no longer distinguishes serial and spree)
    • Mass killer
    • None of the above
    • We eliminated 540 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
    • “Organizational” serial killers
Organizational Killers

- Serial – Individual
  - Serial-Two murder
  - Serial-Two events
  - Serial-Three or more
- Serial – Team
- Serial – Organizational
  - Serial-Gang
  - Serial-Drug Enterprise
  - Serial-Criminal Enterprise
  - Serial-Cult
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
  – New Section on Victims
    • Names & dates
    • Excellent check for data accuracy and will be useful in studying victims rather than killers
    • Information on 9,289 U.S. and Canadian 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
  – Media reports
Problems with Locations

City, County, State

- Location of abduction
- Location of killing
- Location where body was dumped
- Location where body was found
- Burial location
- Obituary 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 (9/14/2013)
  - 3,337 serial killers
    - US: 2,320
    - International: 1,017
  - 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

Updated 09/14/2013
Serial Killers by Country

- 2,320 United States
- 115 England
- 97 Italy
- 95 South Africa
- 79 Japan
- 71 Germany
- 61 Canada
- 55 Australia
- 47 France
- 44 India
- 39 Russia
- 30 China
- 22 Mexico
- 14 Brazil
- 12 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
U.S. Serial Killers by Decade
(Decade of First Kill)

Updated 9/08/2013
Serial killing has declined in the U.S. since the 1980s

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Totals do not include serial killers operating in multiple countries
Why the decrease in the U.S.?

• Technology
  – Insurance fraud is more difficult
  – Killing multiple patients is not likely to go unnoticed

• Longer prison sentences keep potential serial killers in prison

• Law enforcement efforts
  – Catch single murder more quickly (e.g., DNA)
  – Efforts on terrorism reduce the FBI’s ability to link serial murders

• Fewer available victims (Aamodt & Surrette, 2013)
Fewer Targets: We Have Changed our Behavior

- Hitchhiking Related
  - Hitchhiking
  - Offering rides
  - Accepting an offer to “get in”
- Disabled Motorists
  - Offering assistance
  - Accepting assistance
- Free-Range Kid Behavior
  - Walking to and from school or the store
  - Riding bicycles
  - Playing in the park
  - Fishing and hiking alone
Serial Killer Victims in the U.S. & Canada

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Note: Victims represent those from serial killers who were caught and for whom we know the circumstances of their abduction or death
## Serial Killer Victims (age 6-17) by selected category

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Note: List does not include over a thousand killed on the street in general
Victims are U.S. and Canada only
Serial Killer Age

• Age at the start of the series

• Potential problems
  – Should we use age at first kill rather than first kill in series?
    • 2% 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 = 27.9 (SD = 9.3)
  – Median = 26
  – Youngest = 9 (Robert Dale Segee, final kill was at age 21)
  – Oldest = 72 (Ray Copeland)

• Only 26.9% actually fall into their mid-to-late 20’s (24 – 29)

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### Age at First Kill

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Demographics – Average age is 27.9

• **Males**
  – 27.7 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**
  – 30.6 is average age at first kill
    • 11 is youngest (Mary Flora Bell)
    • 66 is oldest (Faye Copeland)

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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 (92.1%)
  – White (52.7%)
  – Mid to late twenties (26.9%)
  – White, male (46.1%)
  – White male in his mid to late twenties (12.7%)
### Gender Changes Across Time
#### U.S. & International Serial Killers

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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

## Race

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# Racial Changes Across Time

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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 Barnabet
  Milton Johnson
- 16 John Muhammad/Lee Boyd Malvo
  Vincent Darrell Groves
- 15 Richard Jameswhite
  Fred Glover
  O’Delle, Pearl, & Peyton Jackson
  John Reed
- 14 Jesse Lee Cooks
  Larry Green
  Vincent Groves
  Hulon Mitchell
  Manuel Moore
  J.C.X. Simon
  Chester Dwayne Turner
  Clarence Walker
Race

Prolific Hispanic Serial Killers

- 27 Angel Colon Maldonado
- 25 Juan Corona
- 23 Adolfo Constanzo
- 16 Richard Ramirez
- Angel Maturino Resendiz
- 12 Robert Rubane Diaz
  Timothy Joseph McGhee
- 11 Juan Chavez
- 10 Eddie Seda
- 9 Jorge Beniquez
- 9 Rolando Garcia
- 9 Alfredo R. Prieto
- 9 Dorothea Puente
- 7 Fernando Cota
- 7 Tondy Herrera
- 7 Diana Lumbrera
- 7 David Villarreal
- 6 Juan Cordoba
- 6 Timothy Joseph McGhee
- 6 Paul Ruiz
- 6 Efren Saldivar
- 5 Ricardo Caputo
- 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
  Bruce Alan Davis
- 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 = 217)**
  - Mean = 94.1
  - Median = 87.0
  - Range (54 – 165)
- **Number of Kills**
  - Two (90.2)
  - Three (88.7)
  - Four (95.1)
  - Five (95.9)
  - More than five (98.7)
- **Rape**
  - Yes (94.0)
  - No (94.5)
- **Type**
  - Organized (98.5)
  - Disorganized (92.7)
- **Method of Killing**
  - Bomb (140.3)
  - Strangle (98.1)
  - Stab (94.0)
  - Gun (92.4)
  - Bludgeon (84.5)

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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 Bladel
  - Ed Kemper (136)
  - Ronald Williams
  - Herbert Coddington (142)
- 140 Charles Albright
  - Robert Browne
  - Harvey Glatman (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 Heirens
  - 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)
  Charles Ng
• 66  Elroy Chester (69)
  Charles Troy Coleman
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  Donald William Dufour (62)
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*O’Hare (2008; Table 2)
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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

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

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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
  – 84.3% were previously arrested
  – 75.6% had spent time in jail or prison
• Many received prior psychiatric treatment
• 11.6% spent time in a forensic unit prior to their series
• 2.0% killed prior to their serial killing
  – This is a difficult statistic to accurately compute
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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# 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-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 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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