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ORIGINATION OF A SERIAL KILLING

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Abstract

During the early times of the 1660s, crime in the form of murder has been initializing to spread its roots in society. Jack the Ripper, who was often recognized as a serial killer brutally killed and exploited prostitutes in London in 1888. American society found the emergence of the term serial killer the means of various law officials in their course of classifying the different sorts of murders in the 1980s. Serial killing can't be identical to the concept of mass murder. Serial killing got committed when two or more persons got killed in distinct periods whereas the killing of a large group of people at one go, provided that the place and time are similar, satisfies the terminology of mass murder. Serial killing comprises a specific pattern of killing. Anyone could be a serial killer including our parents, husband, companions, and so on. We cannot strive to estimate serial killers based on their behavioral codes. The ideology of people reflects that they assume that such killers are having extremely abnormal behavior like a devil, but the reality states that they usually have a common normal behavior as an ordinary being inherits. The flaw arises when people got failed in experiencing their key cause of factors which ultimately is pushing them to commit such acts. The space between the first murder and the another may be varied from a day to a month or even a year. To decode the mentality of these serial killers, we must prioritize psychology over the branch of criminology. It is revealed that a large number of serial killers initiate to commit such dangerous murders out of their psychological cause.

KEYWORDS: Crime, Jack the Ripper, Serial killer, Mass murder, Psychology

I. Introduction

We cannot unite the concept of other murderers from serial killers. There is no monetary or any different gain behind the murder as far as serial killing is concerned. Serial killing usually multiplies itself due to the dominating passion that exists within serial killers. Whenever an investigation regarding the same occurs, the homicide cops initially examine the family members as their suspects. If we reach to follow the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), serial killing is equal to the enactment of two or more murders in a particular sequence usually in a varied event, but not necessary that the act is done under the same offender. Criminal analytical records disclose that about 35 percent to 50 percent of crimes are found in the form of serial killing, especially within the boundaries of the United States. Dr. Ronald Holmes states that the main sole objective behind the research based on serial killing is to investigate the motive of serial killers doing the serial killing. Statistics show us that the trend of serial killing got diversified mainly during the second leg of the 20th century. The Canadian Paul Bernardo and his spouse Karla Homolka were serial killers who used to commit the heinous crime of kidnapping several girls in addition to the younger sister of Karla. After the kidnapping, they used to rape those girls and eventually kill them at last. In the eyes of the general public, serial killing is what Hollywood delivers them about it. The genuine essence of serial killing does not get established by the Hollywood industries in their course of

framing a movie. This creates a misconception in society against the definition of serial killing.

II. Typologies of Serial killers

The class of serial killers can be determined on the account of a few factors such as defining their character, the nature of the behavior, and others. The research scholars after conducting their thorough research discovered their typologies regarding serial killers, which classify them in the form of organized killers, Disorganized killers, and Mixed killers.

A. Organized killers

These kinds of serial killers usually get triggered to kill their victims out of their financial crises, huge uncertainty in the terms of employment, and so on. Serial killers who fall under this category do not happen to be abnormal guys, they are also normal human beings as common men. Moreover, these sorts of killers are much more social in their surroundings, they are included with a nice scale of proficiency as far as their employment is concerned. These serial killers are extremely skilled in framing their mission to murder their victims. They hold a good control level in their hands during the period when they are about to kidnap their targeted victims. They used to conduct verbal communication with their victims before committing violence. Even, this type of serial killer does select their victims judging on a few parameters say the victim's hairstyle, age number, gender, and other supplementary factors.

B. Disorganized killers

The ideology of the disorganized serial killers is an antithesis to the attributes of the organized serial killers because these serial killers do not have any verbal communication with their victims plus it is believed that the crime under the jurisdiction of the disorganized serial killers gives rise to more disarray as compared to the scenario of organized killers. Their last social relationships in society become the leading cause behind the addition of sexual or other

pitiless acts with the victims in their course of murder.

C. Mixed killers

As the title of this kind of serial killer notifies us, these are the killers who are the product of the characteristics which belong to both organized and disorganized serial killers. In other sets of words, mixed serial killers have possessed the traits that both organized and disorganized killers have within themselves. It is not at all an easy assessment to judge these types of killers that whether they are organized or disorganized killers in nature. There is always an assurance of two or more two offender's existence as far as mixed killing is concerned. Killers often in mixed killing used to arrange some unpredictable and wired events for their murder. These may be comprised of developing some different taste of violence with the victim, leaving the victim's body quoted awkwardly.

D. Other Typologies

To visualize the concept of heinous crimes more sharply, other typologies can't be ignored. Holmes and DeBurger proposed their four kinds of typology based on serial killers which are as follows:

1. Visionary Type: Killers in this case used to commit recurring murders in reaction to their preconceived notions or visions linked with various hallucinations which seem to be realistic but are not. The Zodiac killer which was not recognized as a serial killer used to commit murders during the times of 1960- 1970. According to him, killing people extracts pleasure from joy. He used to find a fascinating experience in himself after murdering a man.
2. Mission-Oriented Type: These killers assume that it's their obligation to the world that they must support it to sink the large volume of the population by the means of scrapping the people of any specific community say, prostitutes, immigrants, and others.
3. Hedonistic Type-these are further classified into a couple of types:

- The lust killer: There is the lust for sexual relief in the mind of a killer, which to satisfy, the killer does the murder. However, it is not always necessary that the killer may perform sexual intercourse with the victim. He may masturbate or cannibalize after murdering the victim for experiencing sexual enjoyment.
 - The thrill killer: The supreme source of crime by these killers is their unsettled curiosity which they gain after the commencement of a murder. This killing comprises a heavy dose of molestation with brutal cruelty by the end of a killer to the victim. The moment when these killers experience the death of the victim, their eagerness gradually becomes dry.
4. Power/control-orientated type: The chief motto of such sort of killers is not sexually oriented but to establish complete supremacy over their sufferers. They wish to view their targeted ones in a state of pure weakness.

III. Evolution of serial killing

Serial killers try to mock us by representing themselves as common person. But, in reality, they do not have any common personality as the average person inherits. They are supposed to be pretty clever and game changer at last. Their business doesn't get restricted to assassinating but also to molesting their ultimate sufferers for making them stressed. Let us view the root causes which eventually build the foundation of serial killers.

A. Experts reveal to us that serial killer struggles with their emotional growth which may be the reason that triggers them to perform such merciless acts.

B. Genetic cause- According to medical specialists, if the mental position of a pregnant lady is not stable, she lives in a depressed state and perpetually remains isolated from her surroundings, directly transferring the identical effect to the womb.

Therefore, it not only hinders the child's general upliftment but also disrupts his/her mental condition.

C. Infancy- The initial twelve months of a newborn under this period is crucially mandatory as the child needs to gain some good consideration and love showered by their parents. This stage has an important role in a child's life for the establishment of their basic emotional development. The child must be provided with a proper engagement by society, which does not leave them in their imaginary world where they adopt certain incorrect beliefs. Most serial killers are either abandoned or adopted children in their background.

D. Bad childhood experience- Serial killers usually encountered quite sadistic situations in their course of childhood. The reason may be their body shaming due to their weird hairstyle, height, etc. Moreover, their sexual abuse and cruel molestation in the early stage of life, excessive alienation, bullying from the public, and bad status in their studies can be the chief causes that produce huge abnormalities in them. Richard Ramirez (**The Night Stalker**) had found guilty of the murder of 13 people. It was mentioned that Ramirez had a brutal childhood experience as he suffered very cruel thrashings from his father.

E. Poor nourishment- Many parents of their children do not care for them as far as morals and ethics are concerned. They are very careless concerning their child's image. They failed to allot proper attention during their childhood and strive to engage the child in the jurisdiction of various mischievous activities including sexuality. Secondly, there can be the probability that the parents of the serial killers may also be bullied or ashamed by society which in reaction lead to the creation of certain mental diseases.

F. Biological flaws- Research enshrines that people with an unnatural pattern of chromosomes can be serial killers. If any additional X or Y chromosome remained with the person during his/her birth, it would lead to the abnormality which may account for the serial killing.

G. Serial killers' fantasy- Serial killers do not believe in any ordinary fantasy that a common man follows but they are defined by their codified fantasy. They have their era of ideas from which they get derived. They act according to their fantasy's instructions.

H. Sexual thirst- The killers to meet their sexual greed post commitment to the victim's murder, usually do serial killing. **Kenneth Bianchi** had assassinated and raped different women and girls of various age groups for sake of obtaining his sexual thrill.

I. Wrongful assessment- Killers in this circumstance, do not perform serial killing out of their psychological need, but to satisfy their predetermined illegal plan of action. They torture their victim and commits terrifying violence against them so that their evil motive got settled.

J. Cruelty- Sometimes, people wish to feel the degree of violence, and painful sorrow in their dish of passion. As a result, they used to experience huge happiness by viewing the comfortless condition of a victim, so they commence serial killing.

(IV) Indian provisions on serial killers

The indication of serial killers does not get recognized perfectly by our Indian statutory codes. Sections 299 and 300 of the IPC generally undertake the concept of serial killers.

A. Section 299 under the Indian penal code:

According to such section, the person who causes death to someone by committing any act throughout his intention of causing

death or by keeping an intention of framing some serious injury that is likely found equivalent to death or with the familiarity with the fact that his/her act can likely result in the victim's death constructs the offense in the form of 'culpable homicide'.

B. Section 300 under the Indian penal code:

This section of the IPC deals with the offense of 'murder'. There is a very thin line of difference between murder and culpable homicide that is, the degree of the probability of death in the scenario of murder is relatively higher than that of culpable homicide. Secondly, the amount of intention to cause death is more than the case of culpable homicide. Thus, we can conclude that "all murders are culpable homicide but all culpable homicides are not murder".

C. Section 84 under the Indian Penal Code:

This section is generally meant for the protection of persons who are having an unsound mind. It says that the wrongful acts which are committed by the person who has lost his/her soundness would not be recognized as an offense in the eyes of law. Because they are unaware of the very nature of the act committed by them.

V. Some Case Studies based on Serial Killing

A. In **R. Rajagopal v. State of Tamil Nadu (Auto Shanker case)**, Shanker and his two companions were held guilty of committing six murders during a couple of years. After the step of murder, they cremated their body to destinate them in the Bay of Bengal.

B. On December 2006, a man named **Mohinder Singh Pandher**, had murdered about 38 children and continuously resumed their serial killing for consecutive two years. Eventually, the CBI found its skeletons in the drain.

C. During the times of January 1976 and March 1977, nearly 10 murders had committed in the **Joshi-Abhyankar case**. In addition to serial killing, they also used to practice robbery and consume liquor multiple times.

D. In **Cyanide attack**, a science teacher named Mohit Kumar usually selects women of middle to lower-level income range. He used to marry them and eventually conducts sexual intercourse with them. Finally, he kills them and therefore migrates himself after stealing their rare items say jewelry, money, etc. At the last, he got punished with death as a result of his awkward acts with the women.

E. **Robert Hansen** was a serial killer who made their victims reach some hidden lonely place to hunt and murder them at last.

VI. Women Serial Killer

According to Kelleher, women serial killers can be categorized into many categories such as black widow, the angel of death, profit of crime, team killer, revenge, the question of sanity, sexual predator, and unsolved. Observations reflect that women under black widows are more in committing the serial killing. Great forensic psychiatrist James Knoll states that black widows can be described as the class of women who used to murder men generally to satisfy their material gains. Behind their serial killing, there can be various grounds which can be obtaining attention, addiction, some psychological issue, etc. It is also observed that women commence serial killing to get into a relationship with their victims. The procedures which are usually adopted by women serial killers to murder men are of very low status, for instance, using poison to kill the victim instead of using a gun. Other supplementary methods may also be inherited by the women during their act of murder. Statistics say that other techniques

of murder include gunfire (19%), stabbing (11%), suffocation, etc. Women Serial Killers often target their victim in secluded places. But Aileen Wuornos was an exceptional female serial killer who killed her victims openly through the use of poison. She did not select her victim as a family member or any companion but considered a stranger, for the sake of settling her greed.

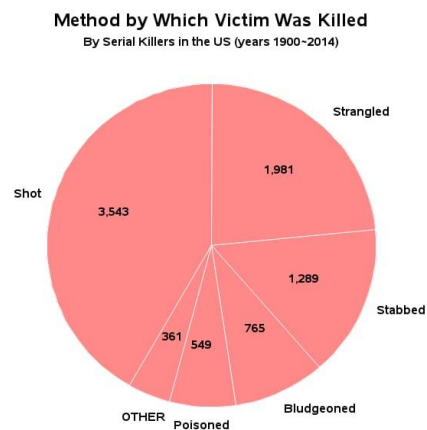


Figure 1(Analysis of Methods used by Women Serial Killers)

VII. Measures to decline Serial Killing

To diminish serious offenses like serial killing, there is a very urgent need to inherit some measures to remain protected from the range of serial killers. Government must arrange various programs to make the public aware of the Culpable Homicides, there should be more advancement in the training of law enforcement personnel concerning Serial Killing, Government agencies must lay their emphasis on methodological crises to avoid illusions in the data based on serial killers. Moreover, We should not reveal our details to unknown persons through the means of social media lastly, the Public should at least be well aware of some self-defense techniques which can protect us in case we are kidnapped. We should at least be well aware of some self-defense techniques which can protect us in case we are kidnapped or molested by someone.

VIII. Conclusion



In modern times, society is now not in a safer position because serious crimes such as serial killing are most often common in our surroundings. We can't be ignorant about the same serial killers residing in each corner of the world. They do not wait for anything and can randomly target anyone for their actions. Therefore, it is crucially necessary to decode the mindset of these serial killers. We have to remain very careful in our surroundings. We must gather good knowledge regarding serial killers, study their characteristics and try to analyze their pattern. The public should remain attentive to the people around us because we cannot state who can be the serial killer. Not everyone could be a killer but still considering enough uncertainty in the present era, we cannot be lenient. Moreover, it is equally vital to get acquainted with the causes that invoke serial killers. This would ultimately help us to become more prolific in the fantasy of serial killers.

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