

# SEXUAL DEVIANT KILLERS

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## TRAINING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary goal is to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the fantasy facilitators, behaviors, and etiologies of sexually motivated homicide with the goal of identifying warning signs, interviewing suspects, increasing effectiveness in search warrants and greater case preparation from inception to case closure.

This course intricately explores the deviant minds of convicted serial lust murderers and other violent sex offenders, who largely target women and children, and other living organisms. Specifically, the psychology behind the crime will be discussed, while analyzing and interpreting true accounts and disturbing viewpoints and motives of some of the most notorious serial lust murders and other dangerous men that were interviewed behind bars.

In addition, the course will include an intense overview of criminal actions and the understanding of deviant behavior. Topics and the behavioral motives of necrophilia, cannibalism, criminal sexual sadism, voyeurism, bestiality, and serial lust murder will be discussed. Throughout the course numerous case samples with these topics will be presented, while incorporating crime scene illustrations that portray multifarious features of unusual sexual perversions. Psychosocial histories and backgrounds of perpetrators will be presented and analyzed.

## TRAINING AUDIENCE AND FORMAT

This course is intended for various experienced investigators, evidence technicians, supervisors, and prosecuting attorneys. It also has great value to the patrol officer. The intent of the instructor is to bridge the learning gap of evaluating crime scenes and understanding the possible motivations and etiologies for this type of criminal behavior and deviant pathology.

This course is most successful when taught and received with audiences of 50 officers or fewer, but has been given in groups of 400 or more, during conferences with successful reviews. The smaller groups enable officers to have more direct dialog with the instructor and the other students.

The course is designed for a 1–2-day sessions with the last hour involving case reviews and consultation of local cases so that the investigator / detective returns from the training with a more concrete understanding of the application of the training material. The course is generally designed to run from 0830 to 1630 hours daily but can be manipulated for evenings and extended days as needed.

## TOPICS OF INSTRUCTION

### **The Psychology of Serial Lust Murder**

*Discuss the psychological roots of thoughts and behavior of sexually motivated male serial killers, and why they do what they do. The evolution of deviant fantasy, obsessive thoughts, and sexual deviant associations will be discussed from a psychoanalytic and “object relations” framework, which has been particularly renowned for drawing close attention to early didactic parent-child relational processes and development of early childhood. Incorporate this discussion with the trauma pathology model and how sexual fantasies evolve over time.*

## **Detecting Bizarre Fetishes and Deviant Pathology in Homicides and other Criminality**

*Historically, one of the major difficulties experienced by agencies is the lack of identification and behavioral intricacies of potential bizarre fetishes and/or paraphilias presented within sexual motivated homicides and other types of crimes against persons. Analysis begins with the crime scene, as the interaction between the offender and the victim, the nature of the physical interaction, nature and identification of the sexual interaction, choice of weapon or weapons, and the manner of death, as well as the method of body disposal. It is acknowledged there is typically more than one fetish or paraphilia per offender, so identification may expose other types of behaviors and/or criminality.*

## **Necro-Sadism and Anthropophagy**

*Discuss the common thought process behind criminal sexual sadism, cannibalism and Necro-sadism from a trauma pathology perspective, object relations and psychoanalytic framework, and how these thoughts are integrated in sexually violent assaults against humans and other living beings and investigating homicide crime scenes.*

## **Dangerous Minds ED Gein, Leonard Lake, Rodney Alcala, and Jeffrey Dahmer Case Studies**

*He was the gruesome inspiration for fiction's Norman Bates, Buffalo Bill, and Leatherface, murdered and mutilated his victims often keeping a macabre of body parts. This case examination will explore the disturbing mental illness of Ed Gein. He was known as the "Milwaukee Cannibal" and sex offender who dismembered men and boys from 1978-1991. This case examination will explore the disturbing mindset and psychological motivations of Jeffrey Dahmer.*

## **How targeting victims has changed over the centuries.**

*Serial sex murders have evolved throughout history. Although motive generally remains the same, i.e., the need for control over another human being manifested in the sexual predilections of the offender. This section discusses how technology, proximity and mobility of both victims and serial killers has changed over time and what that means for law enforcement investigations.*

## **The rise of technology and objectification of women**

*Discuss how objectification of women and how the psychopathic brain works in deciphering what they see and hear. Discuss the Incel movement, also known as "involuntary celibates", which is an online subculture of people who define themselves as unable to find a romantic or sexual partner despite desiring one. Discuss rejection, worldview, and how these beliefs are reinforced and fueled.*

## **Case Review and Consultation**

Class participants will have the option to provide a case review for the instructor, who will provide consultation of a local case so that the investigator /officer returns from the training with a more concrete understanding of the application of the training.

## **Instructor Capabilities**

### **Lawrence J Simon, Psy.D.**

Dr Lawrence J Simon has been called upon to deliver his innovative presentations in front of national and international audiences for over a decade that have included nearly every branch of government within law enforcement, social services, medical and forensic professionals. Before traveling around the country on a full-time basis, he spent many years employed in challenging forensic settings, interviewing, managing crises, facilitating violent sex offender groups, treating, and assessing some of the most violent men in the country, including inmates on death row.

He has been sought after by forensic and law enforcement professionals to evaluate and analyze complex major crimes against persons cases, often intertwined with signs of bizarre deviant behaviors. Some of these cases range from cold case sexual assaults and homicides to nuisance type offenses, and other unusual criminality. Dr. Simon has been a vital member of major cold case task forces, assisting investigators on high profile serial homicides. He offers crucial assistance to task force investigators and others involved with the case. He has been contacted by investigators and agents from federal and state law enforcement agencies and offers his specialized support on challenging circumstances and intricate behavioral symptomatology observed in cases that every so often characterize unusual deviant themes and unsettling crime scenes. He has offered investigative support and guidance on complex sex offender supervision issues that involve a history of harming humans and other living organisms.

Along with his unique professional experiences, he is the author of two-well-known book(s) titled "*Murder by Numbers: Perspectives on Serial Sexual Violence*" and "*Mortal Desire: Origins of Sexual Violence*" and is a proud father. He has appeared on a major news network, podcasts, discussing his book, research endeavors and the perverse minds of serial murderers, as well as appeared on the popular true crime series titled "Snapped" on the Oxygen channel. Dr. Simon is an honorary Diplomate of the American Board of Sexology certified as a clinical sexologist (for informational purposes only) and earned his doctorate degree in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology. His research dissertation thesis was on the study of psychological factors between methods of homicide, where he explored the psychological disparities between murderers who use knives and/or manual strangulation compared with firearms to commit homicide. This in-depth investigative analysis consisted of structured interviews, projective drawings and the Rorschach Ink Blot Test. He also explored the early childhood histories and psychological motivations of serial sexual homicide, which included in-depth interviews with serial killers incarcerated in maximum security closed management prison settings and housed on death row.

### **Limitations / Special Needs: None**

A wide range of video audio will be used in the training session, and the instructor will come prepared with everything they will need to make this an informative learning experience. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations and crime scene photographs cannot be supplied.