Abstract

This article explores characteristics and crime scene behavior of 20 sexually sadistic serial murderers. The pairing of character pathology with paraphilic arousal to the control and degradation of others is examined as it manifests itself in their murders. Commonalities across murders and across murderers are highlighted, i.e., the execution of murders that are well-planned, the use of preselected locations, captivity, a variety of painful sexual acts, sexual bondage, intentional torture, and death by means of strangulation and stabbing.

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Five cases of serial sexual killers who engaged in autoerotic asphyxiation were identified worldwide: four from the United States and one from Russia. Read More. View Article. April 2008. Natural born killers?: the development of the sexually sadistic serial killer. Authors: B R Johnson J V Becker. J Am Acad Psychiatry Law 1997 ;25(3):335-48. Department of Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Arizona, Tucson, USA. This paper compares the offender and offense characteristics of 30 sexually sadistic criminals studied by Dietz et al. with those of 29 sexually sadistic criminals and 28 nonsadistic sexual offenders from the Royal Ottawa Hospital. We examined whether the characteristics noted by Dietz et al. Read More. SADISTIC SERIAL KILLER 973 :- WIIITell, and Dietz described the process by which such indoctrina- TABLE 2-C/characteristics of the offenses of 20 sexually sadistic tion occurs and suggested that the sexually sadistic offender often serial murders. '· manifests an unusual degree of insight into ways by which others n 0::: can be influenced and controlled. Careful planning of offenses 19 95 The cummt study found that 75% of the sexually sadistic serial Impersonation of a police officer in the com- murderers kept collections of a violent theme of one type or another. mission of the offense 3 15 II Use of a con or ruse in approaching victim 16 80 is These included audiotapes, videotapes, pictures or sketches. Research into serial killers is typically conducted, post hoc; however, a predictive study of who may develop into a serial killer is of clear importance. The current study examines two previously unacknowledged offender groups: aspiring and probable serial murderers (i.e., victim count two or less). Data on 17 aspiring and 46 probable serial killers were collected and compared to 16 successful serial murderers. The study results indicate that aspiring and probable serial killers may share more in common with successful serial killers than they do with one-off homicide offenders. This is an uncontrolled, descriptive study of 30 sexually sadistic criminals. All were men, and all intentionally tortured their victims in order to arouse themselves.