

# Investigating serial killings the perspective of criminal psychology

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**Abstract** To define serial murder simply, it means killing of several peoples within certain time range with common characteristics and motives by the same person or persons. Therefore serial murder is distinct other types of murders. It is crucially important to identify nature of this murder in terms of criminological and psychological dimensions to examine such a crime. The current research analyzes the technique and type of murder and motives of serial murderers and investigates their behaviors by means of criminal psychology science. The main method of data collection used in this study to interpret this subject is librarian technique and due to presence of major problems and lack of cooperation by the relevant authorities for visiting to the murderers and because the Islamic retaliatory sentence has been enforced to most of these serial killers thus the only available sources for this study rather than books and articles include judicial cases, newspapers, and biographies. The given results signify that the main cause for perpetration of crimes such as serial murders is due to major personality disorders and child abuse more than ones caused by external and social factors in perpetrators of this kind of delinquency. These killers are patient but not insane. These are patients who suffer antisocial and narcissism personality disorders. The next reason for occurrence of this abnormality is their living in the families which have been away any type of norms and standards. The social and economic complications were ranked at subsequent positions in terms of influence.

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