

A PSYCHOLOGICAL CASE STUDY OF A CONVICTED SERIAL KILLER

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INTRODUCTION

- ◎ Definition of a Serial Killer
- ◎ What is the True Persona of a Serial Killer?

Overview

- ◎ Background: Important Life Experiences
- ◎ Overview of Cases
- ◎ Guilt vs. Innocence
- ◎ Evaluation of Psychological Inventories

BACKGROUND: IMPORTANT LIFE EXPERIENCES

- ◎ Born in 1943
- ◎ Childhood
 - Childhood abuse
 - Poor father figure
- ◎ The Sibling Rivalry Continues
- ◎ Life Gets Even More Complicated
 - Younger brother goes to prison
 - Gets married
 - First run in with the law

MURDER CASES

◎ In 1972, Within 6 Months, There Were Four Murders in and around Town

- Victim 1
- Victims 2 and 3
- Victim 4

◎ Trial

- Plead innocent to murders of Victims 1 and 4
- Plead no contest to murders of Victims 2 and 3
- Received four life sentences



A FEW MORE WORDS...

◎ Rivalry Continues in Prison

- Former wife weds brother
- The brothers still hate each other to this day



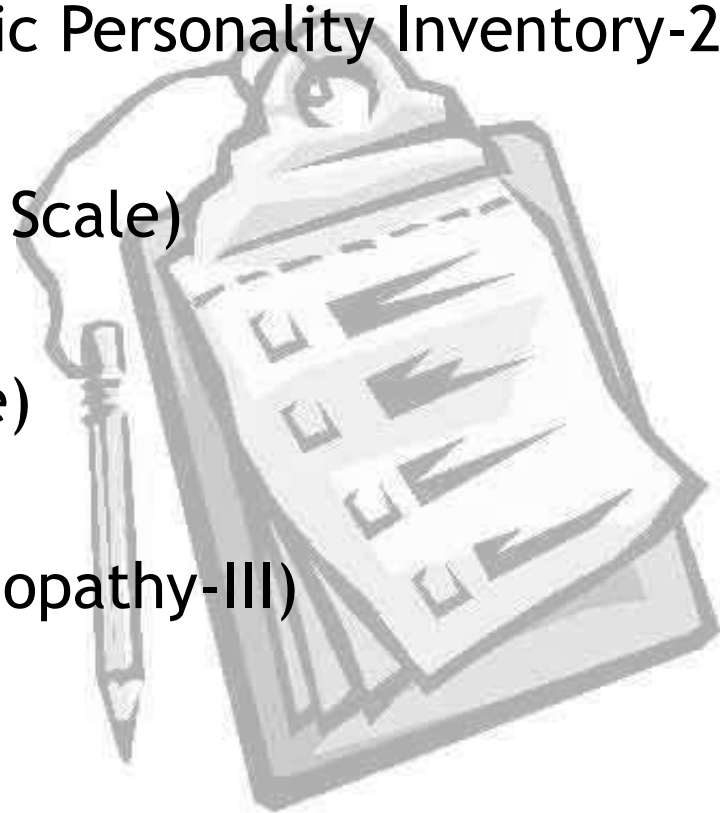
GUILT VS. INNOCENCE

- ◉ Still Claims Innocence to This Day
- ◉ His 15 Year Old Male Friend is the Main Reason for his Conviction
- ◉ Appear to be Some Holes in Cases
- ◉ Unfair trials?
- ◉ Contradictions in Witness Statements and Police Reports
- ◉ Items that Point to Guilt



PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

- ◎ MCMI-III (Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III)
- ◎ MMPI-2 (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2)
- ◎ LPS (Levenson's Psychopathy Scale)
- ◎ AQ (Aggression Questionnaire)
- ◎ SRP III-R12 (Self-report Psychopathy-III)



MCMI-III

- ◉ Tendency Towards Avoiding Self Disclosure
- ◉ Experiencing No or Minimal Mental or Behavior Disorder
- ◉ May Exhibit Depressive Personality Features
- ◉ Low Expectations of Others
- ◉ Treatment Not Likely Needed



MCMI-III™

MILLON™ CLINICAL
MULTIAXIAL INVENTORY-III

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MMPI-2

- ⦿ Scored High in Psychopathic Deviate
- ⦿ Moderately Elevated Score on Depression
- ⦿ Elevated Score on Cynicism
- ⦿ Higher Than Average Score on Family Problems
- ⦿ Indicated No Real Psychological Problems



LPS

- ◎ Primary Psychopathy
- ◎ Secondary Psychopathy

"Psychopaths are social predators who charm, manipulate, and ruthlessly plow their way through life, leaving a broad trail of broken hearts, shattered expectations, and empty wallets"

- Robert D. Hare

AQ

- ⦿ Physical Aggression
- ⦿ Verbal Aggression
- ⦿ Anger
- ⦿ Hostility



SRP III-R12

- ◎ Interpersonal Manipulation (IPM)
- ◎ Callous Affect (CA)
- ◎ Erratic Life Style (ELS)
- ◎ Criminal Tendencies (CT)

CONCLUSIONS

- ◎ Uncertainty as to Whether Subject is Responsible for These Crimes
- ◎ No Real Psychological Problems
- ◎ Evaluations are Helpful, but Research Should Not Rely on Them Entirely



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QUESTIONS?

