Law and Order Unit IV

Vocabulary

**MacDonald Triad:** A set of three behavioral characteristics that were originally claimed, if present together, to be associated with later violent tendencies, the triad was first proposed by [J.M. Macdonald](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J.M._Macdonald). The triad links [animal cruelty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_cruelty), [obsession with fire setting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyromania), and persistent [bedwetting](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bedwetting) past the age of five to violent behaviors, particularly homicidal behavior

**Mass Murderer:** a person who is responsible for the deaths of many victims in a single incident.

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**Spree Killer:** a killer who in a fit of rage kills without the ability to cool down in-between killing

**Serial Killer:** a person who kills three or more people, they kill then cool down and resume their normal life, then kill again

**Sadistically Dominate:** The killer receives pleasure from the suffering of the victim they hold power over.

**Psychological Gratification**: Perceived pleasure from mental phenomenon

**Voyeurism:** receiving sexual pleasure or excitement from the observation of others

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**Necrophilia:** Sexual attrition to dead bodies

**Sadomasochistic:** The perversion of deriving pleasure, especially sexual pleasure, from simultaneous sadism (torturing others) and masochism (self pain).

**Organized Serial Killer:** a killer that is socially adequate, normal intelligence, try’s to conceal their crimes, plans out their attack, blends in with society

**Disorganized Serial Killer:** Below average intelligence, socially inadequate, kills in a fit of rage, does not try to conceal their crime, and Leaves the body

**Visionary:** killer that murders because they hear voices or has visions that directs them to do so.

**Mission-Oriented:** Killer that murders because they believe they are ridding the world of a particular group of people

**Hedonistic:** are killers that kill from lust (sexual pleasure) thrill (get a kick out of it) gain (believe they will profit in some way)

**Power or Control:** wish to play god, of be in charge of life and death of others.

**Psychopath/ Sociopath:** a person who is amoral and exhibits antisocial behavior, has the lack of ability to [love](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/love) or establish meaningful personal relationships, is extremely egocentric

**Act Focused:** Killer that kills quickly, killing is simply about the act itself.

**Process Focused:** Killer that kills slowly, gets enjoyment from torture and slow death.