
1. cooling-off period	the state of returning to the offender's usual way of life between homicides
2. fantasy	imagination unrestricted by reality
3. MacDonald triad	cruelty to animals, obsession with fire-setting, and persistent bedwetting past a certain age
4. mass murderer	type of multiple killer who kills many victims in a single violent outburst
5. mens rea	guilty mind (lat)
6. modus operandi	the characteristic pattern of behavior repeated in a series of offenses. It is the necessary part of a killing.
7. perpetrator	a person who commits a crime
8. posing	crime scene alterations that serve the fantasy needs of the offender
9. serial killer	a person who kills three or more persons in three or more separate events
10. signature	A way of gratification for the murderer, it comes from inner motivation. It originates from fantasy of the killer and is not necessary for the killing itself
11. spree killer	type of multiple killer who spreads the murderous outburst over a few days or weeks
12. staging	deliberate alterations of the crime scene or the victim's body position at the scene of the murder to confuse or mislead criminal investigators
13. timeline	a linear representation of killings in the order in which they occurred.
14. UNSUB	unknown subject
15. victim	one who is hurt, killed, or suffers
