



Crime Scene Offender Behavior & Victimology

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Victimology

- Behavior or actions taken by the victim that may or not contribute to the offender's *criminal act* against them.

Victims Risk Factors

Low Risk: The victim does not expose themselves to criminal environment is guarded and concerned with security.

Medium Risk: The victim unintentionally disregards their vulnerability and security guardianship to criminal acts against them at low risk environments.

High Risk: The victim is involved in activity that is non-criminal that exposes them with or without disregard of the criminal environment.

Extreme Risk: The victim is involved in criminal activity or self harm that excels their victim potential.

Low Risk Victims

- Anyone and Everyone can be a Low Risk victim.
- Do bad things happen to good people?
- What is an innocent victim?

Medium Risk Victims

- Substance Abuse in a Non Criminal Environment
- Bank worker or Business worker walking with money bag visible to public
- Delivery of high valuables without security concerns
- Living alone without any concern for security or guardianship
- Associating with known active criminals
- Acting in self defense of others

High Risk Victims

- *Victim exposing with disregard; of their valuables in criminal environment.*
- Leaving their vehicles open or unlocked
- Bringing strangers to your home on first day of meeting without vetting them.
- Police officers or Public Safety not prepared or training for their tour of duty.
- Gentlemen's Club Dancer; walking alone to their car; patrons
- Domestic Violence relationship
- Disregard of the safety of family members (Human Trafficking)

Extreme, High Risk Victims

- Involved in the commission of a crime;
- Involved in a criminal enterprise in a criminal environment
- Overdoses, Substance Abuse
- DUI; vehicle
- Prostitution (Human Trafficking)

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Victim's behavior

- Pre incident
- During Incident
- Post Incident

Crime Scene Behavior of Offender

- For the purposes of understanding the needs of the offender, level of intent, mental state, knowledge of wrongdoing, and relationship to the victim in preparation for criminal investigation in establishing motive, modus operandi, locating the offender, and preparation for the interview or interrogation.



Offender's relationship to the victim

- Known or unknown/ intended victim
- Opportunistic
- Calculated / prepared
- Impulsive
- Organized or disorganized
- Proximity to victim
- Amount of force used

Offender Pre-Crime Behavior

Pre-determined

Motive buildup

Impulse

Premeditated

Mental State

Opportunistic

Plan preparation

Planning

Exercise

Offenders Behavior on Scene

- Method of entry into the scene
- Length of time inside scene
- Method of exit from the scene
- Items brought into the scene
- Items taken from the victim
- Items taken from the scene
- Were offender's needs met?

Maslow's Hierarchy of needs

- Physical Survival, water, food, health
- Security, safety, stability
- Social; Love, belonging, inclusion
- Ego; Power, recognition, prestige Financial
- Self Actualization Achievement / success, development creativity

Offenders Needs and Motives

- Power and Control
- Sexual Component Needs
- Thrill
- Sustain Substance Abuse
- Mental Disorder
- Social and Ego

Grievance

Ideology



Offenders Behavior on Scene

- Scene clean up
- Scene belongs to victim
- Scene belongs or associated to offender
- Disposition of victim
- Victim covered/uncovered
- Victim left on scene/dumped

Behavior Evidence on Scene

• Eat in scene	Amount of Force	Tools of the crime brought in
• Shower in scene or washed hands	Bleed/ Cut	Victim torture
• Use Toilet in scene	Self injured in scene	Victim Stalking
• Pattern of evidence	Locked inside of scene	Message left on scene
• Masturbate	Signature / language used	Masked / Unmasked
• Failed Plan	Time spent on scene	Gloves No gloves

Behavior Evidence on scene

- Took pictures of himself in scene
- Took pictures of the scene
- Staged scene
- Cover up

Unique tools/ Weapons

Reading Victim material

Ritualistic paraphernalia

Changed clothing

Offenders Behavior Post Crime

- Planned exit
- Took Weapon or left it
- Offenders Clothing
- Digital print/ Social Media

Scene Exit

Transport

Communication

Police contact

Return to Scene

Re-Contact Victim

Contact Vic Family

Dispose Weapon

Victims timeline

- Arrival at the scene
- Contact with offender
- History with the offender
- Duration with the offender
- Victims intent
- State of mind at time of incident
- Scene evidence correlate with witness/victim events

Offender's timeline in relationship to victim

- Witness interviews
- Investigative tools
- Offender family interviews
- Recovered evidence away from scene
- Discovered evidence



Inclusive Timeline

- Victim Timeline
- Evidence Timeline
- Suspect Timeline
- Witness Timeline