THE MIND OF THE SEXUAL PREDATOR
St. Augustine – 400 AD

“Sin” originates in the mind and is run by the senses, the consequences are considered, if the consequences are *NOT TOO GREAT* the will takes over the mind and rationalizes the behavior.

Consequences are *offender specific* and can be much different than normal values.
BTK Interview
WHAT IS SEXUAL DEVIANCY?

Abnormal sexual behavior that involves at least one of the following:

- A non-consenting partner as in child molestation or rape
- Violation of other’s boundaries or rights such as peeping or exposing
- Significant impairment in one’s functioning
- Sexual behavior that causes problems in one’s work or relationships
Human Sexuality

Human Sex Drive

- Biological 10% - Animal Response
- Physiological 20% - The body’s response to stimuli
- Psychosexual 70% - The mind or fantasy (unique to humans)
The Mind

- Sexual gratification is derived primarily from the mind:
  - Determines how/why a person acts sexually
  - Personality is reflected in individual sexual behavior
Male/Female sexuality differences

Primary sexual sense:

Male = sight/visual
Female = touch/feel

Sexual Dysfunction:

Male = impacts ability to perform
Female = impacts ability to be aroused
In interviews with serial rapists 37% reported a sexual dysfunction. This type of information can be helpful to the investigator in associating different offenses with a single offender, because the nature of the dysfunction and the means the offender uses to overcome it are likely to remain constant over a number of rapes.
Sexual Dysfunctions

- **Erectile Insufficiency:**
  - Formally classified as impotence
  - **Primary:** have never been able to maintain an erection
  - **Secondary:** currently unable to obtain or maintain erection sufficient for intravaginal ejaculation
  - **Conditional:** unable to become erect until there is forced oral or manual stimulation by the victim; or having the victim say certain words or phrases or dress in certain clothing
Sexual Dysfunctions

- **Premature Ejaculation:**
  - Ejaculation that occurs immediately before or immediately after penetration
  - Effects 3% of rapists

- **Retarded Ejaculation:**
  - Experiences difficulty in ejaculating or fails to ejaculate
  - Not attempting to control discharge or prolong enjoyment
  - Effects 15% of rapists
Sexual Dysfunctions

- **Conditioned Ejaculation:**
  - He has no difficulty obtaining and maintaining an erection and can only ejaculate after certain conditions have been met.
  - Most often, that means certain sex acts.
Robert Yates, Jr.

Span of killings 1975-1998
Number of victims: 16
One victim survived
All victims were prostitutes
All were shot once in the head
The Four Phases of the Sexual Crime

- Fantasy
- Victim Selection
- The Crime
- Post Crime Behavior
Fantasy in Sexual Crimes

-sex crime will have multiple components of his sexual fantasy:
  - Relational (i.e., date, sex slave)
  - Paraphilic (bondage, sadism, fetishism)
  - Situational (war, arrest)
  - Self-perceptional (powerful, God-like)
  - Demographic (victims characteristics)
Fantasy is Always Perfect

- A person’s sexual fantasies are always perfect: every actor in the mental image plays his/her role to perfection. Reality, however, is never perfect and for that reason, never lives up to the sex offender’s expectations.
The Fantasy

- Reality never lives up to the expectation of the fantasy. As a result, the offender may retain a souvenir or trophy. 
- The offender will attempt to *refine his fantasy* in an effort to perfect reality.
- The level of violence used against the victim may be minimal, or be brutal depending on the *motivation* of the offender.
Investigative Significance of Fantasy

- What the offender says to the victim or demands the victim say to him, will be vital to his arousal and gratification.
- Fantasy is a **mental rehearsal** for a desired event.
- Fantasy develops a **core behavior** for the sexual assault.
- Fantasy is the **template** for the crime.
- Fantasy is the **link** between the underlying motivations for sexual assaults and the behavior exhibited during the crime.
Paraphilias are characterized by recurrent, intense, sexual urges, fantasies, or behaviors that involve unusual objects, activities, or situations and cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.”
SEXUAL FANTASY
Fantasy and Paraphilia's

Paraphilias (sexual deviations) are intense sexual urges and sexually arousing fantasies involving:

- Non-human objects
- Suffering or humiliation
- Voyeurism and partialism
- Children or non-consenting adults (DSM IV, 1994)

Paraphilic patterns of behavior have been found to remain highly consistent over time.
Abel et al. (1988) have documented that people with one paraphilia tend to suffer from multiple paraphilies.

Multiple paraphilies form around “cluster” themes:
- Voyeur/exhibition/fetishism
- Sadism/masochism/bondage

Paraphilic activity can be determined by knowing what the offender spends his **time, money and energy** upon.
Dangerous Paraphilic Interests

- **Voyeurism**
  + Onset typically before age 15
  + Can be either male or female
  + More serious form involves the viewing of individuals engaged in sexual activity
  + Web cameras
  + Juveniles engaging in voyeurism typically have more victims than juveniles engaging in molestation
  + Can lead to more chronic sexually inappropriate behavior

(Zolondek et al. (2001))
Nickelodeon-Addictive Games
OTHER GAMES

- Perry The Sneak 1
- Perry The Sneak 2
- Perry The Sneak 3
- Perry The Perv 1
- Perry The Perv 3
- Perry The Perv 4
Derrick Todd Lee
Derrick Lee
Baton Rouge Serial Killer

- **July 1993**: Lee sentenced to one year in prison for burglary
- **September 1995**: Lee arrested for a peeping incident and resisting arrest, after being chased and caught by police after looking into the window of a woman.
- **August 1997**: Lee arrested after being caught looking into the windows of a woman.
- **August 1999**: Lee arrested after being caught in a woman's residence uninvited, for being a peeping Tom and stalking.
- **December 1999**: Received a suspended sentence on a misdemeanor stalking charge.
- **January 2000**: Accused of attempted first-degree murder after severely kicking and stomping his girlfriend Consandra Green at a bar after an argument over Lee's advances towards another woman.
Dangerous Paraphilic Interests

**Frotteurism:**

- Intense sexual urge involving touching and rubbing against a nonconsenting person
- Occurs in crowded public areas
- Can commit up to 850 acts before being arrested
- The typical Frotteur may also engaging in four or five other deviant sexual behaviors
Dangerous Paraphilic Interests

**Exhibitionism:**
- Deliberate exposure of one’s genitals to strangers
- The fantasy is that the stranger will become sexually aroused by observing his genitals
- Does not expose to initiate relationship rather it’s the idea of exposure that drives this deviant behavior
**Pyrophilia (Pyromania):**
- Compelling desire to observe, prepare, or start fires
- Eroticized arson (sexually exciting)
- Offender will get pleasure watching the fire burn and the emergency response
- May burn sex related objects
- Pyromania may lead to more serious offending
Dangerous Paraphilic Interests

- **Gerontophilia:**
  - Involves sexual attraction towards older people
  - Obsessive characters
  - Not interested in young women/men
  - Both men or women can have Gerontophilia
    - Riskier with men
Fetishes

- Feet

The FootFraternity

Where 12 inches always equals a foot!
Foot Fetish

Elvis had a well documented foot fetish, stemming from having to massage his mother's feet as a child (or “rub her little sooties,” as the King chose to say). Presley's handlers would screen women on the basis of their feet before they could have a romantic encounter with the rock icon.
Bundy Foot Fetish

Bundy used stolen credit cards to buy more than 30 pairs of socks to fuel his fetish while evading the law in Florida. Considering he was one of the most prolific serial killers in history, that was probably the most normal thing about him.
Abasiophilla

Abasiophilla is a psychosexual attraction to people with impaired mobility, especially those who use orthopedic appliances such as leg-braces, spinal braces or wheelchairs.

ADmirers, DEVotees, Wannabes and Pretenders

1. The Admirer - The admirer puts the disabled person on a pedestal and sees her as someone to be admired for her courage in overcoming a handicap. He may collect images, books and films showing people in leg-braces but he sees his motive more of an interested observer than voyeur. He may justify his interest as being almost on the level of scientific research. By studying books and images he thinks he will be better informed and more able to understand the issues and concerns of disabled people he'd like to help.
2. The Devotee - The devotee, for reasons quite out of his control, takes an almost obsessive interest in looking at disabled people. Although many are too ashamed of their feelings to actively stalk disabled people they may do so in a clandestine manner which is not obvious to the object of their gaze or to the public at large. If the opportunity presents itself, they may photograph their subject or even video them struggling to walk. For the devotee seeking real-life sightings of people in leg-braces becomes an obsessive, life-driving activity: it rules his thinking and can dominate much of his free time.
3. **The Pretender** - For the wannabe the occasional pretense of disability is not enough. He feels the overwhelming need to *be* disabled. For him, life is unfulfilled and incomplete unless he becomes a full member of the disabled community as a physically disabled person.

The important thing to remember is that there is no choice in the above. The person feels "programmed" to behave in this way and *he has little or no ability to alter his behavior*: much though he may feel ashamed of his feelings, desires and obsessions he can do little about them.
mucophilia - m4w - 59 (nottingham)

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mature male with snot fetish looking for females with an interest in mucophilia...or couples who may be interested

- Location: nottingham
- It's NOT ok to contact this poster with services or other commercial interests

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The sleeping princess syndrome, a paraphilia of the marauding/predatory type in which erotic arousal and facilitation or attainment of orgasm are responsive to and contingent on intruding on and awakening a sleeping stranger with erotic caresses, including oral sex, not involving force or violence. There is no technical term for the reciprocal Paraphilic condition of being the recipient, which occurs more readily in fantasy than in actuality.
SOMNOPHILLIA

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Autoerotic Asphyxiation

The practice involves self-applied means that deprive the brain of oxygen while masturbating.

Methods used:
- Strangulation (hanging or plastic bag)
- Inhalants (constriction of breathing passages; Tetrachloroethylene component of in freon & fix a flat)

Transvestitism: many are found dressed in women’s clothing, wearing make-up, or holding a piece of women’s clothing.
Autoerotic Asphyxiation

- Often the elaborate nature of the equipment used in these cases make it clear that the behavior has been carried out many times before, or there may be other evidence of repetition, such as grooved beams from which ropes have been suspended.

- A wide range of sexual paraphernalia are used including mirrors, self-photography, bondage, hoods, blindfolds, enemas, electrical stimulation and beating of self or by a partner. Some individuals view pornography during their activities.

- Half of them describe sadistic fantasies. They report that their activities are part of a more elaborate, usually masochistic, fantasy in which they are forced into painful, uncomfortable or humiliating situations. Some individuals have cross gender fantasies and some clearly describe being sexually aroused by being in physical danger and of struggling against physical restraints.
Fantasy

Inanimate Objects

• **Dolls:** have been found in the possession of offenders. The dolls have been burned, slashed, stabbed, in bindings, amputated, pierced and a variety of other bizarre acts. This behavior can indicate the offender’s motivationally driven fantasies.
Photographs/Magazine Pictures

- Another common means of acting out fantasies is to **alter photographs or pictures** taken from pornographic and non-pornographic magazines. Such alterations include drawings (sexual bondage, mutilation, wounds, blood, etc.), cut and paste (replaces faces and/or sexual parts), or the placement of “favorite” pictures into photo albums.
Fetish Burglaries

- *Fetish burglary is a deviant crime that includes the sexual fixation on items of fetishistic value:*

- The behavior can include
  - Stealing panties
  - Sleep in peoples beds
  - Masturbating while wearing victims clothing
  - Photographing themselves while wearing the clothing

- Fetish burglars are usually sexually repressed that turn to these behaviors for sexual excitement
Colonel Russell Williams

- Commander of Canada’s largest air force base
- Committed 82 fetish burglaries, 48 different homes, one home he hit on 9 occasions
- 61 of the burglaries went undetected
- Stole underwear of victims as young as 9 years old
- He took 1000’s of pictures of his crime, all the photos were on his computer
- Committed 2 sexual homicides where he brutally tortured his victims for hours before killing them
Colonel Russell Williams
Seizure of Computers & Computer-Related Equipment

- **Do Not Touch The Computer!**
- Booby traps are everywhere
- Predators have become highly proficient at safeguarding the contents of their computers:
  - If the machine is turned on without the appropriate bypass switch, the hard drive will format itself
  - Installing degaussing loops around door jams; the magnetic field created will destroy records on discs
What We Can Learn From Computer Use

Use patterns - The TRAPS

1. **Themes** - the content or interest areas of porn usage. What proportion was spent on which types of material.
2. **Ratio** - the proportion of porn surfing to total internet usage.
3. **Amount** - the total amount of time spent surfing porn web sites.
4. **Pace** - the speed with which one moves from site to site and image to image.
5. **Session** - the length of average sessions, frequency of surfing, how deeply into the site did the offender go?

(Jim Tanner, PhD, KB Solutions)
Anonymity Online
Protect your privacy. Defend yourself against network surveillance and traffic analysis.

- Tor prevents anyone from learning your location or browsing habits.
- Tor is for web browsers, instant messaging clients, remote logins, and more.
- Tor is free and open source for Windows, Mac, Linux/Unix, and Android

How Tor Works: 3

Step 3: If at a later time, the user visits another site, Alice's tor client selects a second random path. Again, green links are encrypted, red links are in the clear.

Alice

Dave

Bob

Jane
Pedophilia

- DSM-IV Criteria for Pedophilia
  - Over a period of at least 6 month, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 or younger)
  - The fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning
  - The person is at least 16 years old and at least 5 years older that the child or children
Pedophiles

• A **Child Molester** is anyone who engages in illegal sexual behavior with children
• A **Pedophile** is someone who is sexually attracted to pre-pubescent children
• The terms Child Molester and Pedophile are **not interchangeable**
Skin memories

= Junkies first high
The most common age of onset is 3
Median age for reporting is 9
1% result in a conviction
40% result in a DA plea
Many offenders sentenced for the most heinous of child sex crimes initially receive no prison time
When offenders are sent to prison, 1 in 5 is less than 25 years
Dangerous Organizations

- **NAMBLA (North American Man-Boy Love Association)**
- Rene Guyon Society
  - “sex before eight or it’s too late”
  - Consider themselves a sexual minority
  - View attraction to children as “wholesome” and as a “sexual orientation” rather than aberrant criminal behavior
  - Advocated sex with children as young as four years old
How Many Victims Do Child Molesters Typically Have?

- They usually have 3 victims before age 18
- They usually have 24 victims during adulthood
- **Child molesters commit about 30-60 molestations before being arrested once**
- **Without confidentiality:** molesters admit to 1.94 offenses
- **With confidentiality:** molesters admit to 55 offenses
The Target Child

- Seek children who are:
  - Shy
  - Handicapped
  - Withdrawn
  - Troubled or under privileged homes
Filling a Need

- Once the pedophile knows a little about his victim he starts filling needs:
  - A poor child will receive expensive gifts
  - A lonely child will receive extra time and attention
  - A child who feels unloved will receive unconditional affection
- Be aware if your child starts talking about one adult more than any other
Pornography

- Pairing sexually arousing/gratifying stimuli with rape
  - **Masturbation is a exceptionally potent reinforcer**
- Increasing males’ self-generated rape fantasies
  - Current evidence suggests a high correlation between deviant fantasies and deviant behaviors
  - “it gives me new ideas to try and see, and it’s always sexually exciting”
- Males who did not previously find rape sexually arousing, generate such fantasies after being exposed to a typical example of violent pornography
What Is Pornography?
Pornography

“I went to porno bookstore, put a quarter in a slot, and saw this porn movie. It was just a guy coming up from behind a girl and attacking her and raping her. That’s when I started having the rape fantasies. When I saw the movie, it was like somebody lit a fuse from childhood on up…I just went for it, went out and raped.”

(Beneke, pp. 73-74)
Exposure to Pornography

- In one study of junior high students 87% of the boys and 61% of the girls had viewed video-pornography.
- The average age at first exposure was just under 12 years.
- Boys who frequently watched pornography were also more likely to say that it was “OK” to hold a girl down and force her to have sex.

(Check & Maxwell (1992))
Methods of Approach

• **The Con:**
  - Involves subterfuge
  - Predicated on the rapist’s *ability to interact with women*
  - Approaches women and requests or offers some type of assistance
  - Lacks intimidation
Methods of Approach

• **The Blitz:**
  - The rapists uses direct, injurious physical assault which subdues and **physically injures the victim**
  - He may use chemicals or gasses but mostly uses his ability to overpower the victim
  - **Includes fantasy components** that may be arousing to the rapist
Methods of Approach

- **The Surprise:**
  - Involves the rapists waiting for the victim or approaching after she is asleep
  - Presupposes that the rapist has targeted or pre-selected his victim through unobserved contact
  - Threats and/or the presence of a weapon are often associated with this approach
  - *Rarely is there injurious force applied*
Verbal Activity

• A rapist reveals a great deal about himself and the motivation behind the assault through verbal activity with the victim:
  − “I’m going to hurt you, if you don’t do what I say,” - **Threat**
  − “Do what I say and I won’t hurt you,” - **Reassuring**
  − “I want to make love to you,” - **Passive**, doesn’t want to hurt the victim
  − “I’m going to f*** you,” - **Hostility and anger toward women**

• Compliments directed toward the victim, politeness, expressions of concern, discussion of offenders personal life indicates low self-esteem
The Crime

- **Souvenir:** The item taken from the victim is a reminder of a pleasurable encounter and may be used for masturbatory fantasies.
- They may be retained over time (warrants).
  - Victims undergarments
  - Pictures taken from the victims home
  - Jewelry
The Crime

- **Trophy:** A symbol of victory, achievement, or conquest. Associated with force, victim resistance, and/or subjugation and humiliation.
  - A body part
  - A lock of hair
  - Torn garment worn by the victim
  - Pictures taken during the assault
The Crime

The two offenders most likely to record and document their crimes are the **Adult Criminal Sadists** and the **Adult Criminal Pedophile**.
Victim Questions

- Ask factual questions
- Ask whether the penis made contact with the victim rather than whether penetration occurred *(allows victim to describe what happened)*
- Use proper terminology to describe acts
- Do not label acts as “perverted” or “bizarre”
- Use the victim’s language to describe sex acts
Victim Selection

- The strongest victim criteria is availability
- Availability supersedes any other criteria
- The two exceptions to this premise are the pedophile and sexual sadists
Victim Selection

- Robert Hansen *killed fifteen victims but released fourteen others*. The ones he released “did not meet his criteria.”

His victim criteria was:

- they must come on to him sexually
- display some disgust with his sexual demands
- Must attempt to escape
Undoing

- A form of ritualized behavior that indicates remorse on the part of the offender and is symbolic.

- Behavioral manifestations:
  - Offender washing up
  - Cleaning up the body
  - Tending to victims injuries (post-mortem)
  - Re-dressing the victim
  - Positioning into more comfortable or peaceful position (pillow under the head)
  - Covering victims body or face
  - Decorating the body (shrine)

**Undoing = Remorseful = Relationship**
Sadistic Rapists

Definition: the sadistic rapist, who exhibits a combination of both sexual and aggression components. Aggression is eroticized, and the offender is typically aroused and excited by the victim’s maltreatment, torment, and suffering. These assaults often involve bondage, torture, and considerable abuse and injury to the victim.

(Kocis, Cooksey, and Irwin (2002))
## Sadistic Sexual Arousal

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<td>Consenting Sex</td>
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(Abel, 1977)
Partner Indoctrination & Control

- Showering with affection/attention
- Sexual activities beyond her comfort zone
- Unwanted sexual activities dominate
- Social isolation/control
- Torture/scripting/captivity

(Hazelwood, Warren, Dietz, 1993)
Interviewing the Sexual Sadists

- Very likely to consent to an interview
- They consider themselves intellectually superior to the police
- They expect to learn more information from the police than they provide
- Because they enjoy attention, the officer should expect an exhausting and lengthy interview
Interviewing the Sexual Sadist

- The officer must appear confident, relaxed and at least as calm as the suspect.
- Above all, the suspect must not be allowed to provoke anger.
- He will attempt to shock or antagonize the interviewer.
- If the interviewer yields to human emotion, the suspect will score a significant victory.
To date are the worst known serial sexual sadists, rapists, murderers, the exact number of victims is not known.
**REMEMBER**

A woman will do or say anything to get loose.

They will:

- Kick
- Bite
- Scream
- Threaten
- Scratch
- Yell
- Run
- Lie
- Offer money
- Beg
- Offer sex
- Wait for opportunity

**Standard Excuses and Sob Stories:**

- Menstruating
- Pregnant
- V.D.
- AIDS
- Sick
- Kids with a babysitter
- Have to work
- A sick baby
- A sick parent
- Claustrophobia
- Missed by husband or friend
- Bad heart
- Can't miss school

----- Don't let her get to you -----  

If she was worth taking—she is worth keeping.

And

She must be subjected to hypnosis before the woman can be safely released.

Never trust a chained captive!}
Sexual Homicide
“The Perpetrators”

• Never overlook the possible sexual component to homicide

• Sexual homicide is defined as: the killing of a person in the context of power, sexuality and brutality with evidence or observation that include a sexual nature. These include: victim attire or lack of attire; exposure and/or sexual positioning of the victims body; insertion of foreign objects; evidence of sexual intercourse (oral, vaginal, or anal); and evidence of substitute sexual activity interest or sadistic fantasy.

(Ressler, Burgess & Douglas, 1988)
Sexual Homicide
“The Perpetrators”

- Their youth was dominated by increasing isolation, compulsive masturbation, lying, bedwetting and nightmares.
- As adolescents, cruelty to animals and other children, setting fires, and assaults dominated.
- All were **emotionally abused** between the ages of eight-to-twelve.
Ominous Signs
(When Seen in Combination)

- Childhood abuse
- Inappropriate maternal (sexual conduct)
- Pathological lying and manipulation
- Sadistic fantasy with a compulsion to act
- **Animal cruelty, particularly toward cats**
- Need to control and dominate others
- Repetitive fire setting
- Voyeurism, fetishism, and sexual burglary
- Unprovoked attacks on females
- Evidence of ritualistic behavior

(Journal of Threat Assessment 1, 2001, p. 50)
Childhood Sexual Experiences of 36 Sexual Murders

- Engaging in voyeurism 71%
- Having rape fantasies 61%
- Having 1\textsuperscript{st} rape fantasy age 12-14 50%
- Engaging in fetishism 72%
- Experiencing sexual incompetence 44%
- Engaging in autoerotic practice 79%

(Sexual Homicide: Patterns and Motives, Free Press, New York, 1988, p.24)
Gary Ridgeway
“The Green River Killer”

- 48 Murders
- Passed lie detector
- One stretch of six months killed two victims per week
- Created 10,000 pieces of evidence
- Took all victims jewelry
- Ex-wife gave critical information
Interviewing Paraphilic’s

- Confront the suspect as soon as possible to lock him into his story
- Investigator must be comfortable with aberrant sexual behaviors
- **Investigator should use soothing and reassuring voice**
- Stay away from harsh terminology (pervert, rapist, molester, etc.)
- Some suspects respond better to one gender or another, change interviewers if necessary
Col. Russell Williams Interview
Interviewing Paraphilic’s

• The suspect will not believe anyone can understand how he feels; focus on post-offense remorse by demonstrating that he/she knows what they are going through

• The investigator should minimize the offense as a technical violation and not attach a moral judgment

• Investigator can let the suspect know that the “system” has failed him
The Impulsive Sex Offender

- This is not an intelligent criminal.
- He is apt to be dull witted and foolish and is least successful at evading identification and apprehension.
- He lacks discipline and self-control.
- The victim appears to him in primitive terms: female, available, vulnerable.
- Women to him serve a single function: They are disposable vessels for gratification.
Ritualistic Offender

- Repetitive and **psychosexually gratifying** behavior repeated over a series of crimes
- Static and fixed
- Act(s) of **significance** to the offender
- Stems from the **needs** of the offender
- Often **developed** in fantasy
- **Increases** psychosexual gratification
Ritualistic Offender

- The ritualistic offender is a connoisseur of his crime.
- He is the thinking criminal a virtuoso of his own aberrant urges.
- He spends enormous amounts of time in fantasy, carefully working out the details before acting out the mechanics of his ritualized sexual offense.
- The ritualistic offender is cunning methodical and usually invisible.

*Dark Dreams; Roy Hazelwood, Stephen G. Michaud. St. Martin Press. 2001*
Ritual Behaviors

- Behavior which is **unnecessary** for the commission of the crime:
  - Posing the body
  - Foreign object insertion
  - Overkill
  - Displaying the body
  - Post mortem activity
  - Mutilation
Ritual Behaviors

- Sexual bondage *(not binding)*:
  - Unnecessary binding (already dead)
  - Variety of positions
  - Neatness
  - Symmetry
Sexual Modus Operandi

- In sex crimes the M.O. is only valid for three to four months:
  - It is learned behavior
  - It’s in a constant state of change
  - It’s a work in progress

- **The ritualistic aspect of the crime does not change dramatically**; it is designed to meet the offenders fantasy and remains psychosexually arousing over time
Sexual Modus Operandi

- M.O. changes because:
  - Experience (trial and error)
  - Maturity (criminal sophistication)
  - Education
  - Reshaped to meet the demands of the crime
  - Aspects of the M.O. may remain constant, it has not resulted in failure
Modus Operandi Dynamics

- Reshaped to meet the demands of the crime:
  - Victim response
  - Information from the media
  - Events beyond the offenders control
  - Environment
Thank You!

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