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## **MURDER: A METHOD OF SELF-DEFENSE OR A PHENOMENON OF THE HUMAN PSYCHE?**

The relevance of the work is to study the criminal situation in Ukraine; the study of factors affecting the further propensity for crimes related to the deprivation of human life in one way or another.

To further talk about such cases, you need to have an idea about its full characteristics. There are some definitions below.

**KILLING** is an intentional or unintentional act, resulting in the death of another person. Murder does not constitute a special kind of death and is a legal concept, a crime against life, and is studied by criminal law from various points of view. Such a definition of murder is in the Big Medical Synyclopedia.

Since we're not going to talk about single cases, but about serial killings, you should know who commits them.

Serial killer is a person who has committed three or more criminal murders, separated by time ("cooling period") for more than a month.

There is a classification of serial killers by location on the territory:

1) The first kind is "local". The crimes are committed in a selected, predetermined and permanent place that is associated with the place of work or residence. (Jeffrey Dahmer, Robert Berdella, Denis Nielsen, John Gacyz).

2) The second kind is "wandering". He hunt for the victims occurs in one of the settlements and the murder in the other. (Example - Ted Bundy leaving a bloody footprint in five states).

Criminals are also divided into the motive preceding the killings:

1) “Tyrants” - the main motive is the statement in its superiority over the helpless victim, the desire to compensate for any inferiority. Typical tyrants: Bob Berdella, David Berkovits, Artyom Anufriev, Alexander Spesivtsev.

2) “Hedonists” kill for sexual satisfaction or just pleasure. Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, Peter Sutcliffe, Andrei Chikatilo.

3) Psychopaths - patients with clinical hallucinations, often suffering from paranoid schizophrenia. (Herbert Mullin).

4) “Missionaries” are murderers who consider themselves to be avengers or judges who are cleansing the society from “filth” - prostitutes, homosexuals, people of another race. (Jack the Ripper, Joseph Paul Franklin, John Banting, Sergey Ryakhovsky, Artyom Anufriev, Joseph Christopher).

5) Cannibals - murderers who commit crimes for the purpose of eating the body of the victim. (Examples - Jeffrey Dahmer, Alexander Spesivtsev, Alexey Sukletin, Andrei Chikatilo, Nikolay Dzhumagaliev, Dorangel Vargas, Stephen Griffiths).

So, we begin to think about what drives a person who kills his own kind? And can serial killers be considered geniuses or is it just a psychiatric disease? Using the example of some famous Ukrainian criminals, we can answer these questions.

Famous criminals of Ukraine are:

- 1) Andrei Chikatilo (53-65 victims);
- 2) Anatoly Onoprienko (52 victims);
- 3) Sergey Tkach (37 victims);
- 4) Sergey Dovzhenko (19 victims);
- 5) Ruslan Khamarov (11 victims);
- 6) Oleg Kuznetsov (10 victims).

These ordinary, at first glance, people shook the world with their brutal actions. They lived in society, went to work, were engaged in raising children, got married and did a lot of different everyday things. But, what went wrong? When did this idea of "kill"?

This is what the Russian maniac Mikhail Popkov, who killed more than 80 people, said on this subject: “Should I look for an excuse? Maybe I do not have to.

What happened, happened - it will not change. At the moment I generally live one day ". Often, the killers are well aware of what they have done, carefully thinking out the plan of subsequent actions, the place and method of committing the crime. They do it so professionally and accurately, predicting everything to the last detail, that sometimes you think about their genius. After all, an ordinary person will not be able to know forensic and psychology of people so intuitively so that he can hide from law enforcement agencies for decades.

One of the outstanding personalities of the criminal world is a native of the Crimea - Sergey Fedorovich Tkach. He was convicted of 36 murders and several assassination attempts. The victims were women and girls. The crimes were sexual in nature because the killer first raped and then choked.

Another name: Pavlograd Maniac.

The motive was the desire to become the best among the murderers. During the psychiatric examination, he was diagnosed with "completely healthy". Death from heart failure, serving a life sentence in Zhytomyr prison No. 8.

Every day in Ukraine there are thousands of crimes in the form of murder or loss of people. No one pays attention to this data until it concerns their loved ones. Take a look around, you may near the future "criminal genius".

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