

A Cross-National Study of Sexual Murderers in France and Canada

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Abstract

Due to the inherent rarity of sexual homicide, most studies have been based on small samples, typically approximately 10 murderers (e.g. Langevin, Ben-Aron, Wright, Marchese, & Handy, 1988), although a few rare samples of hundreds of murderers have also been analysed (e.g. Stefanska, Carter, Higgs, Bishopp, & Beech, 2015). However, even in these cases, only a limited number of domains were considered (e.g. socio-demographics, modus operandi, victimology), and within these domains, only a limited number of factors and indicators were analysed. Furthermore, the small sample sizes have typically limited the analytical techniques available to researchers to case studies or descriptive and bivariate analyses. One strategy to overcoming these obstacles is the construction of cross-national samples of sexual murderers. A prerequisite for the construction