

Approach of Perp

Psychopath

- Smooth
- Confident
- May take risk to isolate victim (e.g., conning victim to leave friends at bar to go alone with perp)
- Appears to calm for situation when questioned
- Quick to project blame unto victim
- Often calmly explains that victim has psychological disorders, but is not upset or concerned with the alleged disorders
- Victim's support people do not see the symptoms and unlikely that victim has been formally diagnosed, in fact victims most often are psychologically stable until met perp
- ***"Matter of fact" approach***
- Often appears overly cooperative
- Minimal if any anxiety during questioning

Sadist

- victim cries, yells, pleads with perp to stop- perp smiles and continues to cause pain
- The smile is an acknowledgement of the victim's pain, suffering and/or humiliation and that the perp enjoys victim's reaction
- Same or similar as described psychopath- sadistic are psychopaths with additional need to cause pain, suffering and humiliation

Anger and/or Revenge Motivated

- Quickly harms victim
- Most often egregious harm, overkill
- Significant belittling and berating of victim, use of profanity
- Often tells victim that they caused the perp to do it or that they deserve it
- Often misinterprets victim's intentions, seeing and hearing what they want
- May include blitz approach, which may have to do with perceived or actual wrongs by someone
- May initially appear calmer than expected when interviewed because they vented

Surprise Approach

- Often lacks confidence in their dating capabilities
- May have depressive symptoms
- May try to obtain sympathy from investigator
- Often under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at time of crime
- Portrays self as victim when interviewed