OVERVIEW:
- My goal is to learn about behavior and its relation to a person’s mental state, past experiences, trauma, etc., specifically regarding serial killers.
- I want to learn the "Why?" behind notorious crimes and try to understand the mind of serial killers.

CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY:
- The specific study of human behavior with an interest in serial killers, murderers, and criminals.
- Criminal psychologists aid the investigation process, helping with interrogations, assessing suspects (including their mental state), appearing in trials as an expert witness, understanding cases at the deepest level possible, and doing the behind the scenes work where the police or FBI can’t.
- Very popular due to shows like "Criminal Minds". However, the role of criminal psychologists is somewhat misrepresented, as they very rarely work in the field with police officers as many Hollywood shows portray.
- Different than forensic psychology.

CRIMINAL PROFILING:
- The process of determining the psychological and mental state through an intense process of evidence analysis, interrogation, case studying and more.
- The ability to study behavior and understand the significance and relation to a person’s mental state, past experiences, gender, desires, class, etc.
- This process is used by the FBI to find or narrow down suspects.
- The four types of criminal profiling used are called clinical profiling, investigative psychology, typological profiling, and geographical profiling.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE:
- Independent study S3 (real world applications of my S1 and S2 independent studies)
- Work to get involved with Lone Tree CSI Division
- Reach out to high profile investigators such as Paul Holes