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## Psychological study of serial murders - a case study of Mohammad Bijeh

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and purpose:** Serial killings because of the fact that a person is able to kill multiple victims, often accompanied by torture and harassment, and usually continue to commit murders until arrest, is of different criminological and psychological importance. Has a single murder. The occurrence of serial killings has an internal and psychological origin rather than an external and environmental origin. One of the most common psychological factors in the occurrence of serial killings is personality disorders; therefore, the purpose of this study is to investigate the personality disorders of Mohammad Bijeh.

**Materials and Methods:** The present study is qualitative and based on the library method, based on previous research with the keywords of personality and mental disorders, Mohammad Bijeh, serial murders, child sexual abuse in databases such as Science Direct, Google Scholar, The site of the Science Direct, Google Scholar, MagIran, Scientific Information Database - SID, NoorMagz and Scopus, was searched between 1980 and 2021.

**Results:** The results of the present study showed that Mohammad Bijeh most likely had a narcissistic personality disorder. The existence of some of the main criteria for narcissistic personality disorder such as lack of empathy, intense jealousy, feeling of entitlement and the need to control and exploit and abuse others in Mohammad Bijeh confirms that he is most likely

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to suffer from this disorder. Mohammad Bijeh also has backgrounds in antisocial personality disorder and sexual dysfunction.

Conclusion: According to the findings of the present study, it can be said that personality disorders are one of the most common psychological factors in committing murder in individuals.

**Keywords:** Serial murders, personality disorders, Mohammad Bijeh, sexual harassment, motive for murder

#### Introduction

Violent crime is one of the most serious crimes and causes the greatest fear in people in a society. For example, murder and homicide, rape and child abuse (Rio, 2000). One of the types of serious crimes is serial murder, which is undoubtedly one of the most dazzling phenomena and crimes today and can be a good research field in psychology, sociology and criminology (Hickey, 2006). Serial murder deals with disturbing the minds of the public, and even after the punishment and execution of the killers, it can have devastating psychological effects on various members of society. An example is a patient who was undergoing psychotherapy due to stress and although the killer was executed many years ago, it seemed to him that he was still alive due to repeated sleep-related threats and Death was referred to a psychologist (Akbari, Muslim; 2019). The study of serial murders is very important and personality disorders are an important psychological factor in the occurrence of serial murders and the impact of internal factors in these cases is more than environmental and social factors (Gholamloo Jamshid. Etiology of serial murders based on personality disorders) and time when there is a personality disorder, a person is not able to adjust his behavior based on environmental changes (Azad, 2008). Therefore, addressing the personality disorders of Mohammed Bijeh is the subject of this article.

### Personality disorders in serial killers