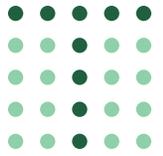




WARNING SIGNS OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR



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VIOLENT FANTASY CONTENT

- Writings (stories, essays, compositions)
- Drawings (artwork depicting violence)
- Reading and viewing materials (preference for books, magazines, television, movies, music, websites and chat rooms with violent themes and degrading subject matter) and role playing acts of violence and degradation

ANGER PROBLEMS

- Difficulty controlling anger, loss of temper, impulsivity
- Making threats

BOASTING & PRACTICING OF FIGHTING & COMBAT PROFICIENCY

- Military and sharpshooter training, martial arts, use of garrotes (wire used to strangle) and knife fighting

HOMICIDAL IDEATION

- Expresses contempt for others
- Makes comments and/or gestures indicating violence, aggression

NON-COMPLIANCE & DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS

- Refusal to abide by written and/or verbal rules

PARANOID

- Belief in being singled out for unfair treatment and /or abuse, feeling persecuted

FASCINATION WITH WEAPONS & ACCOUTREMENTS

- Especially those designed and most often used to kill people (machine guns, semi automatic pistols, snub nose revolvers, stilettos, bayonets, daggers, brass knuckles, special ammunition and explosives)

LONER

- Isolated and socially withdrawn, misfit, prefers own company to the company of others

The Sandy Hook and Virginia Tech shooters were known to be loners.

STALKING

- Follows, harasses, surveils, attempts to contact a targeted victim regardless of the victim's expressed annoyance and demands to cease and desist
- This was present in the Virginia Tech shooter.

SUICIDAL IDEATION

- Depressed and expresses hopelessness and despair
- Reveals suicidal preparatory behavior
- The Columbine shooter wrote about his suicidal ideation in a journal.

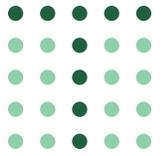
IMITATION OF OTHER MURDERERS

- Appearance, dress, grooming, acting like those of violent shooters in past episodes (e.g. long black trench coat)





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INTEREST IN PREVIOUS SHOOTING SITUATIONS

- Drawn toward media, books, entertainment conversations dealing with past murders

STRANGE & ABERRANT BEHAVIOR

- Action and words that cause people around them to become fearful and suspicious

VIOLENCE & CRUELTY

- A history of using violence to solve problems (fighting, hitting, etc)
- Abusing animals

ACTING OUT

- Expressing disproportionate anger or humor in situations not warranting it, attacking surrogate targets

This was present in both the Columbine and the Virginia Tech shooters.

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY RELATED TO DANGEROUSNESS

- A history of referral or commitment to mental health facilities for aggressive/destructive behavior

USE OF ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Alcohol/drugs are used to reduce inhibitions so that aggressive behaviors are more readily expressed

VICTIM / MARTYR SELF-CONCEPT

- Fantasy that someday they will represent the oppressed and wreak vengeance on the oppressors

INAPPROPRIATE AFFECT

- Enjoying cruel behavior and/or being able to view cruelty without being disturbed

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN POLICE, MILITARY, TERRORIST ACTIVITIES & MATERIALS

- Vehicles resembling police cars, military vehicles, surveillance equipment, handcuffs, weapons, clothing (camouflage, ski masks, etc)

POLICE CONTACT

- A history of contact with police for anger and/or disorderly conduct
- Past temporary restraining orders (or similar orders)
- A jail/prison record for aggressive crimes

EXPRESSIONLESS FACE / ANHEDONIA

- An inability to express and or experience joy and pleasure



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