

Serial murder is not a modern nor is it uniquely an American crime.

According to the FBI: “There has been at least one attempt to formalize a definition of serial murder through legislation. In 1998, a federal law was passed by the United States Congress, titled: Protection of Children from Sexual Predator Act of 1998 (Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 51, and Section 1111).

This law includes a definition of serial killings:

*The term ‘serial killings’ means a series of **three or more killings**, not less than one of which was committed within the United States, having common characteristics such as to suggest **the reasonable possibility that the crimes were committed by the same person or people**.*

Even though federal law provides a definition of serial murder, it is “limited in its application.” This law was created not to act as a generic definition of serial murder, but rather to help the FBI assist local law enforcement on cases.

Across the world, criminologists agree that a Serial Killer is a murderer who **kills two or more people** with a **temporal separation between killings**. This may mean that the murders could happen on **separate occasions or have a “cooling-off period”**

The different discussion groups at the Serial Murder Symposium agreed on a number of similar factors to be included in a definition. These included:

- one or more offenders
- two or more murdered victims
- incidents should be occurring in separate events, at different times
- the time period between murders separates serial murder from mass murder

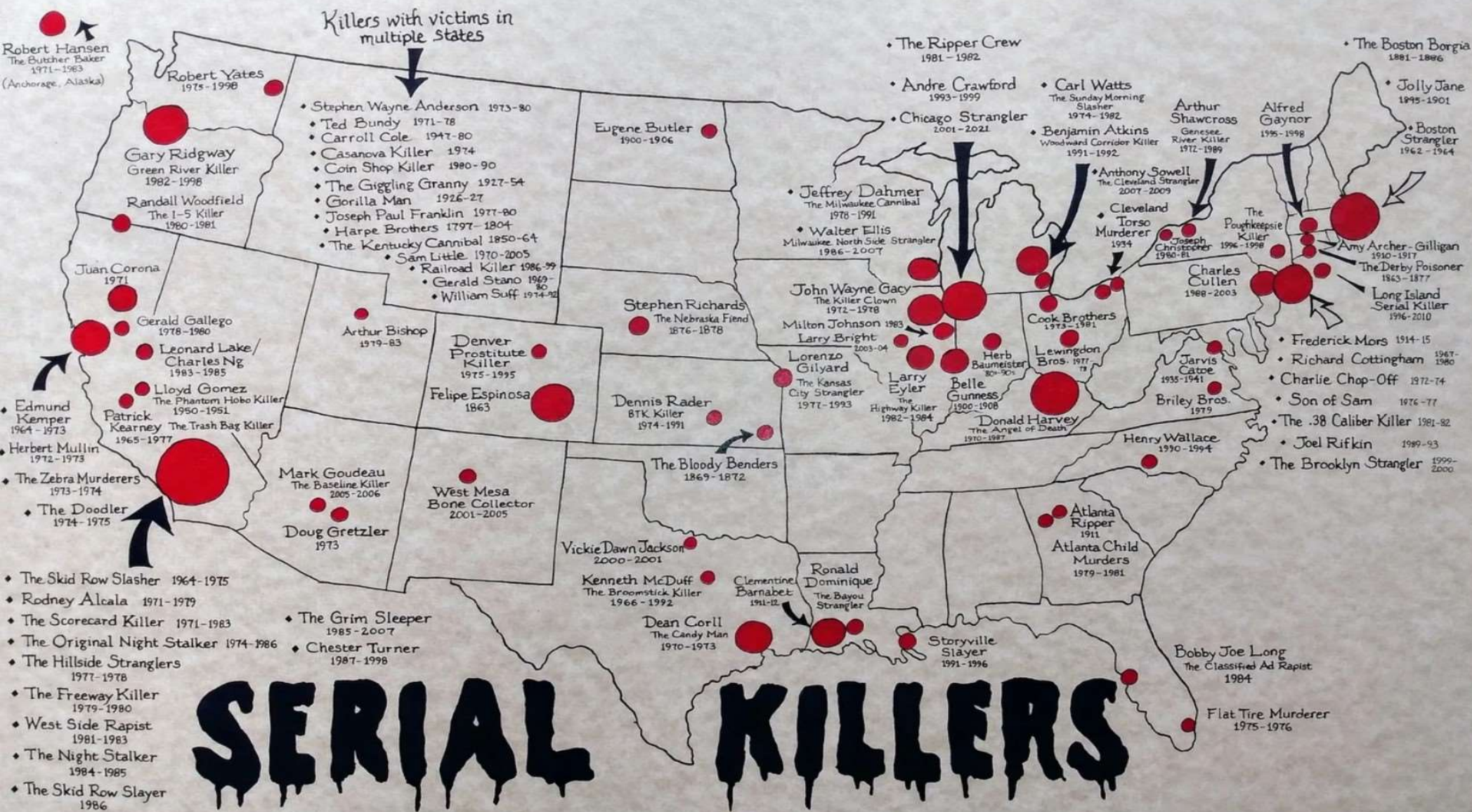
In combining the various ideas put forth at the Symposium, the following definition was crafted:  
Serial Murder: The unlawful killing of two or more victims by the same offender(s), in separate events.

In comparison, mass murder was described as a number of murders (four or more) occurring during the same incident, with no distinctive time period between the murders. These events typically involved a single location, where the killer murdered a number of victims in an ongoing incident

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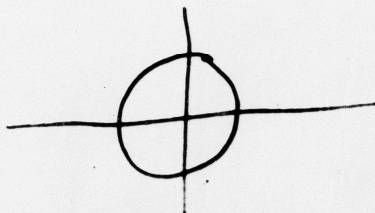
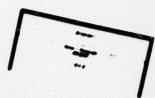
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