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A Descriptive Model of Sexual and Non-Sexual Homicide

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Offence process models attempt to explore and describe cognitive, affective, behavioural and situational factors associated with the process of offending. Models of the offending process have been developed for child sex offenders and rapists. Five implicit theories (ITs) have also been reported to underlie the cognitive distortions amongst child sex offenders, rapists and more recently, sexual murderers. In this study the data from a comparative group of 5 male offenders was utilised (3 had engaged in a sexual murder), along with interviews of 19 male offenders convicted of murder or manslaughter (9 had engaged in a murder with a sexual component). Interviews were subjected to grounded theory analysis. A preliminary process model for murder (sexual and non-sexual) was constructed. The study further explored the differences in pathways within the model, the implicit theories associated with offending trajectories, as well as the implications of any similarities and differences for treating men that have engaged in sexual, and non-sexual murder.