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Part 1

Ted Bundy was charged with different crimes. Since he was a serial killer that kidnapped, raped, and killed several women during that time, Bundy admitted to only thirty deaths. Bundy was charged with have involved in crimes such as murder, aggravated kidnapping, and burglary. Therefore, this level of crime is a felony. Felony crimes involve serious crimes that can be punished by imprisonment over one year or life confinement without parole. Also, felony crimes include rape, murder, and kidnapping in which Bundy was involved. Furthermore, people who can be charged with felonies consist of an individual who commits the crime and helps during the crime or prevents the criminal from being captured.

Bundy can be characterized as a superficial charm because he displayed social behavior. Moreover, Bundy has charming and charismatic, and through looking good, he was able to talk with the victims and make them feel at ease. Through this, the victims become more vulnerable. Bundy also had manipulation abilities because it goes hand in hand with charming. After all, they can manipulate their victims in susceptible situations that they cannot go in their usual conditions through gaining trust.

There are several motivational labels for serial killers, including anger, financial gain, and lust. Therefore, the one that best describes Bundy is sexual lust and financial gain. Bundy is involved in killing the women after raping them ABC News (2019); therefore, the motive usually has sexual power over the women and feels they are in control through rape. Moreover, Bundy's victims were women, which shows that he focused on gaining sexually from them. Also, Bundy was stealing credit cards from women for financial gain, although the car he was stealing helped him move around.

After the second escape in prison through a hole in the ceiling, he took a plane to Michigan, then train and bus, and arrived in Tallahassee. Ted committed several crimes, and after realizing that the police were close to him, he stole a car and moved westward of Tallahassee. Three days later, a law enforcement officer David Lee stopped Ted, and upon requesting the wants and warrant, it indicated that the car was stolen. When Lee was arresting Ted, there were several struggles, but he eventually managed to capture him.

The initial trial for Bundy was in Utah in 1976. Bundy was charged for the aggravated kidnapping of DaRonch and was found guilty and punished for fifteen years jail sentence. The investigators returned the case because they were dissatisfied with it, and Bundy escaped through the library window. The second trial happened when he was caught with a stolen Volkswagen in 1979, and other charges comprised murder and attacks on Florida students. Bundy was sentenced to death for murder in 1979, although he continued to beg innocent. The last rial was associated with the murder of Kimberly Leach in 1980. They gathered evidence from the eyewitnesses and forensic evidence such as hair traces, clothing fiber, and blood evidence made the judge rule him guilty. The death sentence by electrocution took place in 1980.

Ted had a constitutional right for legal representation; however, he chose to represent himself and was determined to defend the charges against him. ABC News (2019), Ted was a former law student and at least had the concepts about the law. Nonetheless, in 1980, he decided to have a defense counsel that pleaded not guilty by the foundation of insanity. Ted's lawyer John Henry Browne's main objective was to make the jury view the suspect as an actual person.

Upon the trial being made public by the media, Ted was sentenced to death in 1979 for killing two college students. In 1980, he was sentenced to death again for killing and raping a twelve-year girl and was executed in Florida using the electric chair in 1989.

Part 2

Yes, Bundy managed to roam free and innocent for a long time because DNA technology was not used more frequently. Bundy's sexual and violent propensities must have left a lot of DNA evidence; however, he is lucky that the law enforcement did not have productive scientific and technological abilities like it is today. Also, the law enforcement officials had fewer resources at their disposal, resulting in delays in different ways. DNA is an essential tool in solving crimes because every person has a different DNA; therefore, through these variations, the forensic team can collect evidence from the crime scene and connect a suspect to the evidence or remove them. Consequently, through DNA, many crimes can be solved and improved justice, hence creating safer societies. Almost 69 nations handle the national forensic DNA database (Machado & Silva, 2019).

Several essential elements are considered before individuals are convicted of a crime, including the Men's rea and the Actus reus. The Men's rea is founded on the notion that individuals must have a guilty state of mind and be mindful of their misconduct (Stasi, 2021). Similarly, the Actus reus is the criminal activity that was the outcome of intended body movement. Therefore, Ted Bundy was an Actus reus because he committed the crime but pleaded innocent. Ted acts did not value human life and did not lose interest in the victims when they were dead. On the other hand, Robert Pickton's crime was a Men reus because he intended to commit the unlawful act. Pickton stated that he butchered 49 women by injecting them with anti-freeze using a syringe that had drugs and stabbing others to death. Also, Elizabeth Wettlaufer's criminal act was both a men rea and Actus rea because she was involved in stealing the patients' drugs and injecting insulin.

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