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The Sandy Hook School Shooting revolves around three factors-violent media as well as guns together with mental illness as the driving factors of the perpetrator to the criminal act. From the reports of the tragic shooting, Adam Lanza used to be depressed and anxious, something that he escalated when he differed with his friend and mother, and at the same time, the availability of the rifle guns bought by his mother gave him the perfect opportunity to make the killings (Ray, 2020). It is also reported that he admired serial killer characters in the horror movies that he was much fun of (Ray, 2020). The tripartite approach which focuses on three dimensions of investigation present self in the fact that the combination of the violent media, availability of guns and mental illness of the Adam Lanza pushed him to brutally shoot twenty students, six teachers, mother and finally self.

In examining the incident, the unstable mind of the perpetrator made him feel disconnected from family and consequently felt that he was unwanted and worthless. This pushed him to start by killing his mother with the readily available rifle guns that her mother had bought- the guns were just kept in the house where Adam and his family lived (Schildkraut & Muschert, 2013). The feeling of guilt and worthlessness led him to move to the school, where he managed to kill students and teachers before turning the gun on himself.

Opportunities make crimes. Parents during the socialization process of their kids should endeavor to ensure that their children grow with a mentality that they are loved and should at all times be closer to their children to determine whether their children are going through any psychological issues intending to find them help from experts. Additionally, semi-military guns

should not only be kept near the reach of mentally unstable persons, but also their purchase and use should be regulated by law to avoid an occurrence of such a fatal incident.

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