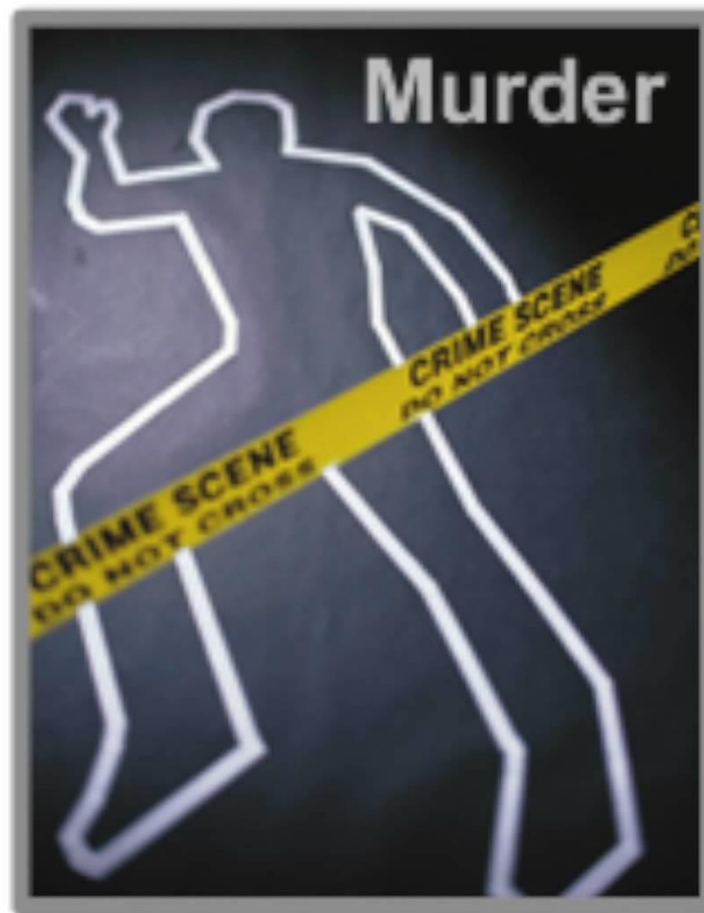


# Victimology:



# What is victimology?



# Victimology is:



- A science about the victims
- It is an academic term
- According to some authors victimology is not an independent science but it is part of criminology.

# History of victimology:



- The main reason for the development of victimology is the increasing number of crimes in Western Europe, USA and Japan after the Second World War.
- The word victimology and the concept of a science appeared in the writings of Benjamin Mendelson. He proposed the term victimology in his article “A New Branch of Bio-Psycho-Social, Victimology” 1956. That is the reason Mendelson is called “the father of victimology”

# The term victim:



# Crime, perpetrator and a victim:



Victimology is studying the relationship between the victim and the perpetrator.



The victim is a person who has been physically, financially or emotionally abused.



Perpetrator is the individual that committed the crime.

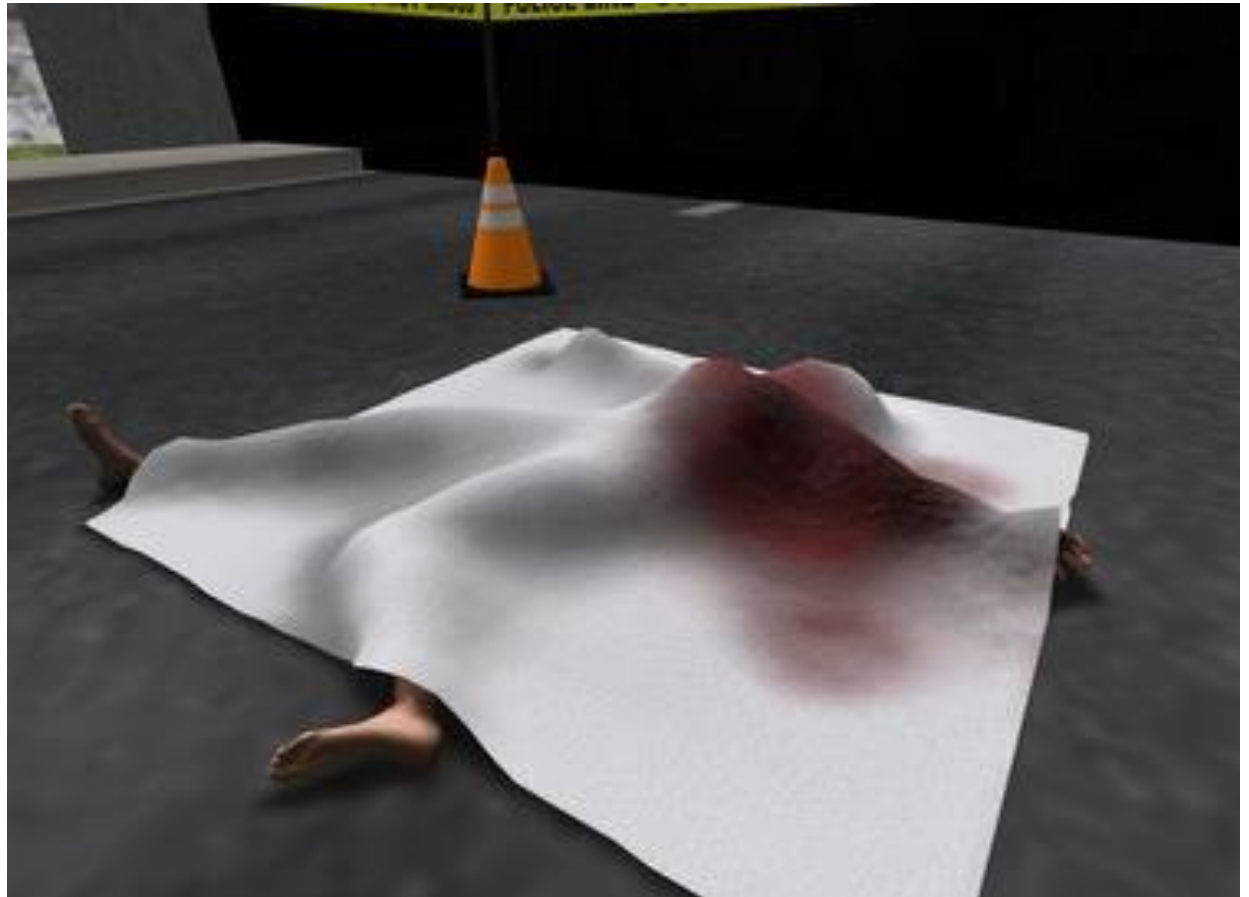


Nis Christie has created the stereotype of the ideal victim:

- female, sick, very old, very young.

Usually the offender plans the crime, before committing it and he stalks his victim,

- The age of the victim matters.



**Stereotype of the ideal victim:**



It is proven that people living in certain kinds of neighbourhoods are far more likely to be victimized.



**The risk of being victimized:**



# Rights of the victims:



## European Union

- Respectful treatment and recognition as victims.
- Protection
- Support
- Access to justice.

## United States:

- Victims have the right to be fully protected from their offender.
- They have the right to be heard at every court proceeding.
- They have the right to be treated nicely and with respect.

# Thank you for your attention!

