

# Expert offers insight into crime coverage

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**In some of your research, you allude to media stories that have an undercurrent that conveys that the victim is partly to blame and ends with crime prevention advice. Explain that dynamic.**

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**What sparked your interest in criminology?**

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**Given the 24-hour news cycle, and seemingly endless coverage from a variety of outlets, haven't we – as a society – become somewhat desensitized? It just doesn't seem we're very easily shocked anymore by murder or missing persons.**

**What about crime and psychology are so compelling to you?**

**They seem related.**

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**You share your research with law enforcement. Are most agencies receptive?**

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**Other than murder, missing persons cases seem to capture public interest more than many other crimes. Why?**

**Do you have any other current or upcoming projects?**