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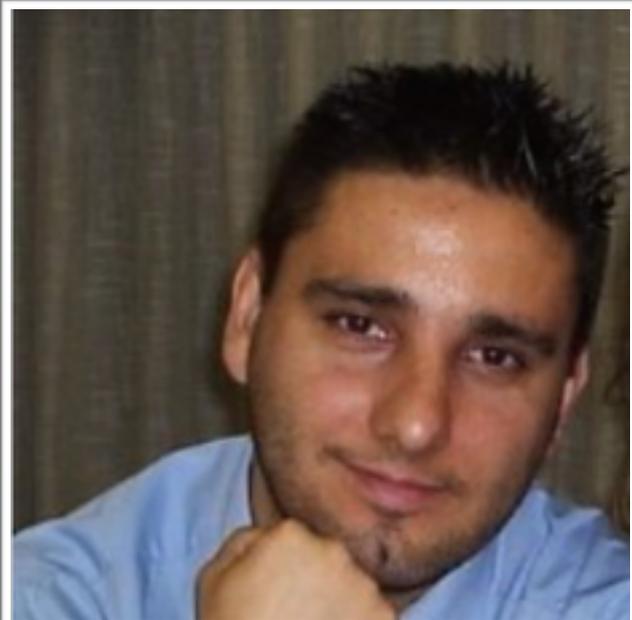


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## **Director greetings to the readers:**

Dear readers,

With our first double release number, we beat download records on social networks, and presentation at the II<sup>nd</sup> Conference of Criminology at the UPO of Seville, it was a demonstrable success in youtube.

This second issue comes with an improved single pdf format by language, by the hand of Pau Jordan and Nathalie Rademaker, with two great interviews to profilers of highest national and international reputation. In the first area we can count with Jorge Jimenez, a psychologist who works in the shadows, not as well known as others but a bastion of scientific nature and seriousness at work, these aspects that have built a close relationship with the police. His foreign namesake, interviewed in this issue, is none other than the internationally renowned Laura Quiñones, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Valladolid a few years ago, during the celebration of the first conference on criminal profiling to be held in Spain and in which were both speakers. Laura, as a good Argentinian, has a capacity of transmitting overwhelming information, always attentive to be updated with criminological news in her country and in the rest of the planet.

I am sure that this issue devoted to profiling will be as or more successful than the last one, just as it will do the following third issue dedicated exclusively to criminology.

**Félix Ríos**

*Criminologist and Profiler. Director of CRIM XXI*

## Laura Quiñones

(Argentina)

We highlight the following from her professional curriculum:

- Diploma in Criminology, Criminalistics and Human Rights by the University Institute of the Federal Police Argentina.
- Specialist in Criminal Profiling technique for managing aggression and serial aggressors (with Dr. Vicente Garrido), University of Valencia, Spain.
- Tanatology, Lesionology and Forensic Pathology (IUPFA)

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April, 2015: we interview a great expert of Criminal Profiling, Laura Quiñones, she gave us a great joy and desire to participate in our project. We gladly present the interview and hope you enjoy as much as we do.

***We find very interesting the expression that appears as a subtitle on your own blog 'Anatomy of violent crime'. Can you explain in your own words this magnificent definition of your professional work?***

Thank you very much, I think that definition is most suited to the analysis of violent behavior, regardless if it has been committed by a chargeable person or not. Like any story or tale that the profiler or analyst interprets, it has a beginning, middle and an end that we must rebuild and give out. That was the name of my conference in the city of Paraná in August 2010 and later I saw that other professionals adopted to theirs, I am glad they have agreed on this fundamental concept.

***You had specialized in the art of criminal profiling by the hand of Dr. Vicente Garrido, really well recognized in Spain in this particular field. How do you remember that experience?***

Wonderful! At first I thought it was going to be very difficult but I felt like a fish in water, Vicente is a demanding person and very generous with his knowledge, he seeks the perfection in his work and has the distinction of spreading this spirit, but especially constantly reminds you that we do not know everything, we learn with every step like a 'blank slate' to avoid prejudice and that's what has helped me more in my work'

***How did you apply the knowledge acquired in criminal profiling in your professional life?***

Limiting myself to what is object of my interest, at first was the criminal investigation of homicide and sexual offenses to children and adults and it still being so, but I added cybercrime, white collar and outreach. I avoid giving my professional opinion when there is not enough material because it is like trying to draw water from the rocks or if someone offers me something that I have not delved as terrorism, organized crime and kidnappings.

***The profession as a criminal profiler in Argentina, How well is implanted and recognized? How are professional reports in judicial proceedings host?***

Luckily I have been well received, although my contributions during a criminal investigation I keep it in strict confidence and low profile, when these cases are closed I can speak publicly at conferences or classes with prior permission of those I was called to make use of the material. Word of mouth and recommendations are important to me and a recognition of my work in addition to all who are dedicated to this. There is a lot of effort and talent in Argentina, this is just starting and moving, I love the work they do in the Medical Forensic Criminal Investigation Unit of the Federal Police and Cybercrime Unit of the Metropolitan Police.

***We know that you made a matching profile with the author in the quadruple murder of La Plata, Could you explain to us the process followed to make the profile?***

Yes, a Sunday afternoon Hector Gambini called me, director police of the newspaper *El Clarin* and tells me about a Mass murder of four women, he informs me about the victimology, habits, schedules and the way of how they had been attacked a grandmother, a daughter, a friend and her granddaughter of eleven years, the amount of blood that had stab wounds at the scene in fact was monumental according to the reported police sources. The approximation of criminal profile was published the next day as "sense of justice for themselves",

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it spoke of someone who knew the women and who had been in the house, that lived alone and that would justify the bloodstains that could put him in trouble besides the path toward it. He had a thorough knowledge of each of the rooms, it would be under the influence of drugs to execute such an act with such great amount of blood, that is why I spoke of confusion regarding people and the body that holds, for his excesses. Probably the motivation would be revenge or something that had to do with a rejection, it is as if he wanted to do justice and had nothing to lose and just over 100 stab wounds all spoke of someone whose relationship with knives would have to do more with an extension of his own and an inability to penetrate to victims otherwise. Two months later was arrested the mason and roofer of the victims, a man who made arrangements at home, with HIV who had smoked and been drinking mate with them and the DNA was there at the scene and on the nails of one of the victims, he had wound cuts on his arm longstanding, subsequently he had attempted suicide in the prison with the same instrument, he said he had taken drugs that day, probably to take courage and kill them, he lived alone. I was most surprised when I recently had contact with photographs of the crime scene is to have agreed that this was a murderous lust, women were demolished in its path as if they were chess pieces, the girl was upstairs in her bedroom and was hit in the chest, neck defensive wounds on the forearms, but eventually placed faced down with her legs open on the bed in a sexual position, as if posing for him. This aspect has absolutely nothing to do with remorse but rather it was the girl the goal because it's with her who he took a special time, the wounds located in erogenous zones speak in this case of piquerism and although there was no sexual intercourse, penetration was symbolic and the position in which she was left helps to reinforce this, the wounds and end position are expressive, unlike the other victims that are purely instrumental. A couple of months ago when it finished the trial that convicted to 'Hyena' Quiroga I received a call from a district attorney congratulating me because he had read the profile at the time, I thought it had gone unnoticed because I was not aware of the extent of the spread of the mass media.

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***Another interesting case is the murder of 15 year old teenager, Lola Chomnalez, her body was found in Uruguay last December 2014. What can you reveal us, by the time, of the investigation of this case and the possible criminal profile of the responsible of the crime?***

It's a strange thing that a 15 year old teenager newcomer from her beach vacation of Balizas from Uruguay, a quiet and very safe place, goes for a walk the next day at noon and she finds a violent death, this is what causes commotion not only by where but by the way. I think it could have been someone who tried to rob her and it got out of hands, buried her in a crude way on the beach because he had nowhere to hide or how to transport her body, or a nearby place to hide the body. As I said in some media it may be someone who was 'passing', I do not think it's a local person, perhaps researchers do not escape to this hypothesis.

***You collaborate with columns of criminal conduct analysis on topical and famous criminal cases. What is your favorite famous criminal case?***

There are two study subjects that amaze me very much for their great capacity for evil, one is Jim Jones, someone who I believe that had an innate carisma, beyond that since childhood he preached to his friends on the sidewalk in his neighborhood, he knew since he was born to lead people, the magic of his words managed to unite vulnerable people, divide them with others, face them and capture their wills to destroy morally, economically and spiritually to hundreds of them. Luís Gregorio Ramírez Maestre an alleged colombian serial murderer of twenty taxi motordrivers, is another of the most interesting criminal behavior and I'm including in my book, he used the bonds as a method of torture and the victim died from exhaustion, the important here is how he managed to deceive young and handsome men throughout Colombia to take them up to the most remote places where they had not dared to go without an attractive sum of money and someone docile, but seductive to inspire them confidence. Once he is caught he said the right words to be blamed only for murder, of the young John Jairo Amador de la Rosa but its link with the other facts was accredited and accepted by himself.

***How do you intervene directly in a case as a profiler? How do you lay down formal or informal collaboration with the police?***

Depending on the case, I'm not part of the forces although I have received interesting offers.

***What do you think about spanish and foreign profilers? In your view, Who are being pointers in the profiling in their respective countries?***

I have not met many, but the few that I do, It seems to me that they have done a good job not only in research, also in criminological disclosure is also important to me: Vicente Garrido that here caused astonishment with the profile of pederast of Ciudad Lineal, Felix Rios I like because he never gives up for nothing in this world and his thirst for justice goes beyond money and so wouldn't do many others, Jorge Jimenez Serrano was my partner and

I respect a lot his work. From US I really like Mark Safarik, Thomas Neer and Joe Navarro from whom I learn so much, plus the work and research of Hazelwood and others. In UK the trend that prevailed David Canter I find fascinating. Colombia right now I think it is one of the Latin American powers as regards Criminal Profiling, Mexico which I believe is the Mecca of Criminology in Latin America, it had an impressive research to capture Juana Barraza.

***And to end the interview, an issue that concern to all citizens of the planet. The internet has brought an ideal opportunity for committing crimes, a virtual world where it seems difficult to protect potential victims (especially children) and also an ideal place for criminals. What can you bring to us from your experience in this area?***

I think the important thing is to take care of children, security measures and make understand to parents that a child of eight years with facebook without parental control may face dangers like Grooming, sometimes they use the sexting by a adult looking to lose a inhibition of them sending lewd photos of other children or adults from an account with a false identity. The purpose is to obtain images of the victim touching, etc. or of their brothers, there just exercising violence through extortion from making public the images or change the passwords of their social networks if they do not obey the requirements (grooming). Another behavior is related to sexting teenagers who have adopted this method to be recognized and valued, they seem not to be aware of the long-term survival and the viralization this will have on the internet. Cyberbullying is concerning because of the damage it can cause, when they are young kids at school the reputation is important, it is being cemented in the adult identity. Whom suffer from bullying marks them, it may reach engender resentment on victims and behavior patterns absent sympathy with the pain of others that can be reinforced and increased if schools do nothing to become chronic and that makes it a major risk factor but in addition if schools should do something but this went allready to cyberspace, the consequences for the psyche and morals of the child are devastating as we seen in profile cases such as Amanda Todd or Jamey Rodemeyer among others, could lead to the worst suicides or retroactive revenge, excessive and unusual as Wellington Menezes in Brazil, Adrian Molaro in Uruguay or Javier Romero in a school of Argentina 'to be respected' as terminal solution.

Another danger is the content that could access the risk group, either in the Deep Web or the Internet by some other forum claimed and validated hate without reason, violence in any form or where share experiences and methods for producing child pornography and so it is imposing as acceptable.

## Jorge Jiménez Serrano

(Spain)

He is a Criminal Psychologist and we highlight the following from his professional curriculum:

- Criminal Analyst from the University College London and Jill Dando Crime Science and Security Institute (UK).
- Master in Juvenile Delinquency by Castilla la Mancha University.
- Expert in Criminal Psychopathology and Forensics by the Mental Health and Policy Institute, Simon Fraser University (Canada) and the University Camilo José Cela.
- Degree in Psychology from the University of Sevilla.
- Author of the first Spanish handbook on the technique on Criminal Profiling.
- Professor at several universities and institutions worldwide.

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The first thing we noticed is the importance that our next interviewed gives to the Criminal Profiling. For him, it's about focusing Profiling towards technical and content, generating interest and attention not so much on 'who', but on 'how'. Thanks for sharing with us a different and interesting perspective on this subject.

### ***What is the Criminalistic Psychology?***

Criminologic Psychology is a sub-area of Legal Psychology supported with knowledge, skills, techniques, strategy...of psychology to police operations and criminal investigation. Where appropriate, the criminal psychologist advises police investigators through psychological analysis of crime and of the criminal.

### ***What is for you Criminal Profiling?***

Although in recent years the profiling has spread to other areas such as legal and forensic, for me the profiling is a technical police advice to researchers. In this sense, the criminal profile is a technique, a tool of analysis that seeks to provide information about the perpetrator of a crime based on the analysis of various elements of the crime. Basically, from behavior analysis conducted by the criminal for his crime, it is inferred features on it that can help police investigators to filter or reduce possible suspects.

### ***Is Criminal Profiling being used in Spain?***

Profiling is a very complex and difficult technique to implement due to various factors too numerous to explain here. From my point of view it's a technique of 'last resort' that is used when no other of the usual and everyday police investigation techniques becomes effective to clarify the investigation, arrest the guilty or open lines of fruitful research. So it's typically used when everything else fails. Furthermore, the technique is not useful in all cases of research, and can only provide information on those investigations that deal with the 'expressive' types of crimes such as homicides, sexual assaults... where the personal, emotional or psychological component of the criminal is very marked and is reflected in the crime.

In this sense, the complexity of the technique, its restricted and specific use with great ignorance, misunderstanding and lack of training makes it a very little used technique in our country or unless such use is public. Both the Civil Guard and the National Police are trained in this technique within the units of analysis of criminal behavior. In addition, many formed in judicial police investigators also have training in it and may use it in any of their cases. I say 'may use it' because obviously there is a record or operational standardized that inform us about that use. In countries like UK, within their protocols criminal investigation does indicate when to seek the participation of a behavioral analyst and to perform a profile.

***We have seen that there are being applied the techniques and strategies of Profiling in the field of corporate and business intelligence ... How do you do it and what motivated you to work as a profiler in this particular area?***

Profiling comes from an approach from which, analyzing the reflection of a behavior, descriptive characteristics of who did it can be inferred. From this vision it can be implemented in a criminal offense but also in a 'corporate crime' such as a fraud, sabotage, thievery or any other toxic behavior that affects corporative security.

***In your new book appears a protocol of the Virtual Psychological Autopsy. What does it consist of?***

Virtual Psychological Autopsy is an analysis protocol which I designed and is based on the traditional Psychological Autopsy. The novelty of this approach is that it is designed to analyze information of user accounts of different social networking sites used by the subject under investigation. It ultimately tries to make a psychosocial analysis and personality of a user of these social networks to get information about it that can be useful in investigations related primarily to equivocal deaths and disappearances in which it is involved.

For that, we have to realize a structural analysis of the user account of the social network (like facebook) and a content analysis of the interactions of communication that performs that person in the network.

***What do you think of the training in Profiling that is offered in Spain?***

One problem of profiling is that there is no consensus about what strictly is a profile, when to perform it and most importantly, how it should be done. This leads to another problem that has to do with training, and about who should or can make a profile and what training they should have.

The training that exists in Spain, except honorable exceptions, has a cinematographic focus on the spectacular view of the technique and has generated great interest in it in these last years. In these trainings we see a speculative nature of art and the work of the profiler as an artist or someone with a sixth sense, something appealing and attractive but totally apart from the scientific and academic aspect that one should. This technique should be serious in its use and in the vision that it must have for its future development.

***What do you think that should be done in our country to unify criteria in criminal profiling?***

Firstly, you should try to answer the questions I mentioned earlier: what is a profile, when it is done, how it is done and who can make it (what training should this person have). From here it is necessary that you establish the profiling by the academic-scientific scope and methodologies, follow new research lines that generate a theoretical corpus and, as with any technique, it needs experimenting, testing and development.

***What advice would you give to students or persons who are interested in this field?***

To forget everything they have seen about the technique on the television or in films, not to read literary fiction which is the largest and most 'interesting' about it and replace it with scientific, rigorous and serious cinema-television equipment. Run away from profiling companies that swarm the web that are nothing serious and that only seek financial gain through a pseudo-training that's based more on the continent than on the content.

