

P01-283

YOUNG, VIOLENT, AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW

M. Fitzgerald

Department of Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Objectives / aims: This presentation examines the neuroscience of criminal autistic psychopathy.

Methods: It will examine persons described by Hans Asperger who enjoy “sadistic” acts. It is only a very small number of persons with autism who show criminal autistic psychopathy.

This can have fatal consequences for the victims. Some of the acts are of the nature of “experiments” by the persons with autism. This presentation will examine ways of identifying persons with this condition. The vast majority of persons with autism are highly moral.

Conclusion: There is evidence for a new diagnostic category “criminal autistic psychopathy”.