Psychopathy, Trauma, Executive Functioning, Specialization among Male Juvenile Sexual Offenders

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Knowledge of psychopathy among adolescent sex offenders is limited. In this study we examined four measures of juvenile psychopathy; Childhood Psychopathy Scale, Antisocial Process Screening Device, the Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI) (using two derived psychopathy scales), and the Inventory of Callous and Unemotional Traits, in a sample of 191 incarcerated adolescent sex offenders located in juvenile detention facilities in a Midwestern state. Of the four instruments and nine scales, only the APSD Narcissism and Impulsivity scale were significantly correlated to a characteristic of sexual crime, and no scale was found to predict sexual crime at a significant level. However several scales were correlated to the total delinquency score as measured by the Self Reported Delinquency Measure. In a series of multiple regressions, the MACI Factor 2 and ICU total scale were determined as the best fit for prediction of total non-sexual delinquency. Theoretical, Research and Treatment implications are offered including a cry for treatment of non sexual criminality committed by male adolescent sexual offenders.