

1. What is the school shooting you are researching? Where and when was it?
 - The school shooting I've researched is the Heritage High School shooting. It happened at Heritage High School in Newport News, Virginia. The shooting took place on Monday, September 20, 2021.
2. Who was/were the perpetrators and who were the victims?
 - The perpetrator was a 15 year old male. The victims were a 17 year old male, who was shot in the face, the leg, and the finger, and a 17 year old girl, who was shot in the leg. The students' names were not released because of their ages. It was reported that neither of the victims had life-threatening injuries.
3. Does the shooter fit within the psychological typology of a school shooter? Why or why not? If yes, how so, if not, what psychological traits were relevant?
 - I think that the perpetrator in the Heritage High School shooting followed the psychology of a traumatized school shooter. I do not think that he follows the psychology for a psychopathic personality or psychotic school shooter. I think this because he immediately ran away after he shot his gun. Someone that is psychopathic or psychotic will not think or know that they are in the wrong because they may think they are doing what is needed. However, this shooter ran away which means either he knew he did wrong or he didn't want to get caught, both indicating that he did something wrong. I also think he is traumatized because it was reported that court records showed that he was in a fight with the male victim prior to the shooting. He also had a tracker anklet on because there was a previous altercation that had happened that required probation, showing that a similar event happened, and most likely there were events that triggered the shooting.
4. What other social factors created the conditions for the shooting?
 - The perpetrator was a male that had a history of fighting and getting into serious trouble. This could be from ideologies of masculinity that the perpetrator had. There was clear access to weapons for the perpetrator to be able to get a gun and use it against the victims. There weren't any reported threats that I found.
5. Was the response from the police adequate in your opinion? Why or why not?
 - The male victim and his father reported their dissatisfaction with the way the male victim wasn't quickly attended to by staff and police. However, as we talked about in class, it isn't the police's job to attend to the victim. It is their job to neutralize the threat. Since the police weren't at the victim's side, this leads me to believe that they were finding the perpetrator and making an arrest. I think the police response was just adequate.

Resources

<https://www.npr.org/2021/09/20/1038988215/newport-news-virginia-heritage-high-school-shooting>

<https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/newport-news/17-year-olds-father-says-son-didnt-know-heritage-high-student-who-shot-him-but-court-papers-show-they-had-fought-earlier/>

<https://www.wavy.com/news/investigative/accused-heritage-high-shooter-fought-victim-was-wearing-tracking-bracelet-court-docs-show/>

<https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/local/mycity/newport-news/heritage-high-school-shooting-details-court-documents/291-e1bc77bd-6242-4cd1-92dd-4f3e99ff462f>

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