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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to determine what in Dahmer's sexual development catalyzed his choice to violently display his taboo desires. Jeffrey Dahmer is notorious for his grisly serial murders from 1978 to 1991. His victims were typically young, homosexual sex workers who were lured to Dahmer's house under the guise of sex work. From Dahmer's choice in victims and the acts of violence committed against them, psychiatrists were able to determine he was a homosexual necrophile. Research for this paper was conducted by using a variety of sources such as the process of healthy sexual development, case studies regarding Dahmer, an interview from Dahmer, and even a detailed recount from Dahmer's high school friend. In scrutinizing Dahmer's sexual development, this paper aims to point to steps that could potentially prevent violence that occurs from a lack of healthy outlet for illegal sexual fantasies.

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