

Detection of Criminals through Hand Analysis

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Abstract: The study of palmistry does reveal criminal and violent tendencies and atavistic sign of degeneracy. The main objective of this research is that the knowledge of the palmistry can be applied in order to carry out criminal investigations. Handprints of punished criminals were comparatively analyzed with their life stories and crimes they had committed. For this research I have presented famous serial killer Ted Bundy and Ganster Alvin Karpis only. From the results I described here how the human desires and human mentality incline towards criminal tendencies and crimes they had committed. In conclusion I emphasize the fact that hand analysis can be used to certify a crime and identify the nature of crime.

Keywords: Chirognomy, Chiromancy, Dermatoglyphics, atavistic sign.

I. INTRODUCTION

Examination of the hand as a whole can be described as a means in order to understand mentality, desires, emotions, DNA defects, inborn characteristics and some of the special situations of the person had to face in the life of past, present and future. Based on palmistic theories and other scientific theories we can emphasize that nature of criminal and the connection between cause and the nature of crime.

II. METHODOLOGY

Handprints of punished criminals were comparatively analyzed with their life stories and crimes they had committed. For this research I have presented famous serial killer Ted Bundy and Ganster Alvin Karpis only.

III. RESULTS

A. Serial Killer Ted Bundy:

Bundy was left handed; so the record of what he became should be in that hand. The illustrations are of the hand print of his left hand.

1) Chirognomical Observation:



Figure 01 – left hand print of Ted Bundy

Bundy had a club thumb, which is a thumb with the tip phalange shaped like a club. The tip phalange of Bundy's thumb was also very short. A short phalange means a lessened the intensity of thought associated with the phalange. The tip phalange of the thumb represents the will. A short tip phalange means the expression of the will is less intense. The will is required to translate thought into action. People with a shortened tip phalange of the thumb are like a car in second gear.

Bel, the god of Babylon, was represented by a club, as previously explained. Bundy's club thumb symbolized Bel, a demon. Although he didn't have to become the servant of Bel, Bundy did. He had a free will like everyone else, and he could have decided to resist Bel; but he didn't. Bel was also the god of confusion. Bundy experienced confusion in the summer of 1967 at Stanford. In 1973 while studying law at the University of Puget Sound, he experienced confusion again. In both cases Bundy was dealing with a spiritual crisis. He was being demoted down in revisionism and Bel was allowed more control over him.

In his murderous rampages in which he battered girls with a club, Bundy symbolized Bel. He was under the power of Bel. Even if he were not possessed, his soul was under the power of Bel due to scar tissue of the soul. ***Bundy's club thumb symbolized Bel, the god of Babylon, and lived up to the symbolism.***



Figure 02 – Cramped thumb

Cramped thumb can be seen in above figure 1. Cramped thumb is held in introverted position bending inward closely toward the palm of the hand. It signifies lack of self-confidence and usually cautious and nervous. And also his high set thumb represents his independence and has a tendency to be mean and selfish. He had lack courage and restricted outlook on life. He was unable to stand by his convictions, a weak mentality and secretive nature can be seen his life story.

Short Index finger of his hand indicates an inferiority complex and do not feel worthy of any attention. An index bent in towards the finger of Saturn in a bow like curve is a sign of an acquisitive tendency. A markedly bent index finger (finger of Jupiter) is a dangerous sign of possessiveness, which can lead to states analogous to kleptomania. Thickening of the lower phalange of the Jupiter finger often attributed to a predilection for alcohol and an ill balance diet.

The little finger on Bundy's left hand is bowed, which is a sign of abuse from his mother. The pressure from the mother was more than the child could bear. Bundy's mother did not even admit to her child that she was his mother. She told him she was his sister and that Bundy's grandmother was his mother. Abuse of a child by the mother can cause personality fragmentation, which happened to Bundy. This is a sign of this is low self-esteem and alcoholism. Low set little finger suggests his secretive nature.

Bundy had short fingers and long palm. It belongs to an Earth shaped hand. It shows that physical experience predominates over mental experience.

Small square fingernails can be seen. This is not a good sign. This fingernail often is an indication that the person is narrow minded, can be petty and have a limited field of action. These people tend to be fanatic in their beliefs and have trouble discussing things calmly. They frequently have problems of a sexual nature

2) Chiromantical observations:

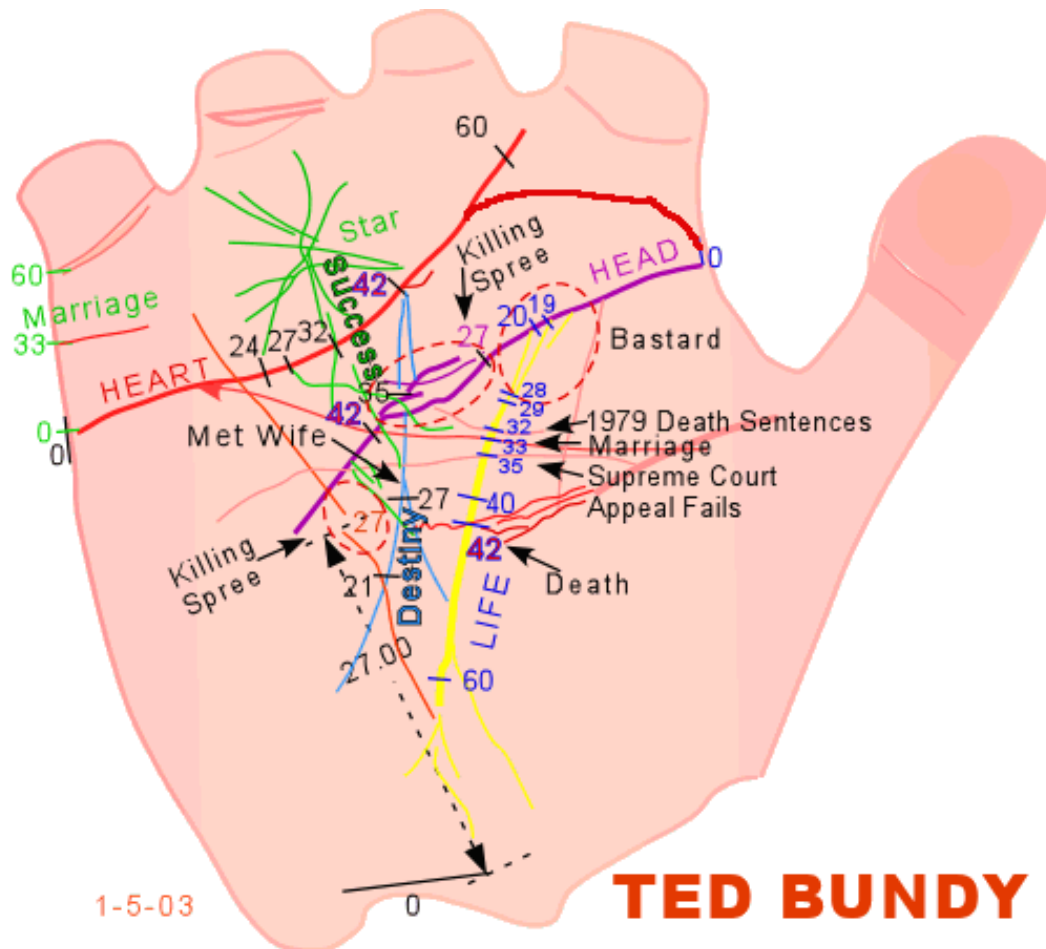


Figure 03 – Developed left hand print of Ted Bundy

At the point of separation from the Head Line, Bundy's Life Line is held by only two thin apron strings. Lower down, however, the Life Line is very thick. The point of separation of the Life Line from the Head Line corresponds to the age when a person leaves home and strikes out on his own.

Bundy's killing spree began in 1974 when he was 27. The circle on the Head Line encloses an island that begins at age 27. It could be argued that this is not an island but a double headline. Bundy did have duplicity related to authority as characterized by a double headline. But Bundy's behavior also fits an island, which indicates isolation or dissociation related to authority. Bundy was a psychopath with antisocial personality disorder.

By contrast, a shallow curved line of life describes the austerity and hardship experienced through a lack of love.

Suwon line can be seen. It indicates someone who is blind in their relationships.

A huge star is located on the mount of the ring finger. The star indicates celebrity status. Bundy was one of the most famous killers in history. The star is at the termination of the Line of Success. Bundy was a successful murderer.

Bundy has an influence line that joins his Destiny Line at age 27, which corresponds to 1974 when he met his future wife. She may not have been his Right Woman, but of all the women in his life, she was the one pointed out on the Destiny Line. He met this woman, Carole Boone, in May 1974. He married her when he was 33 in 1980, and she stood by him for better or for worse. He has a Marriage Line at age 33. The Marriage is also indicated by an Influence Line that crosses the Life Line at age 33 and joins the Heart Line.

Bundy died at age 42. There are marks on the primary lines in his hand at age 42. On the Life Line at age 42, a strong Influence Line breaks down into a series of small lines like a frayed rope. The Influence Line associated with Marriage at age 33 crosses the Head Line at age 42. On the Heart Line, there is a small hook that droops off the Heart Line at age 42,

and two branches of the Destiny Line come to a point at the hook. A hook is used for hanging corpses. The Destiny Line stops at hook on the Heart Line. The end of his destiny was at the hook. This was another indicator of death at age 42. At age 32 when he received his first death sentences, an Influence Line crossed the Life Line and ran into the island on his Head Line. And at age 35 (1982) when his appeal was rejected by the Florida Supreme Court, an Influence Line crossed the Life Line and terminated on the Feminine Mount on the ulnar side of the hand. This is like going off into never land.

3) Dermatoglyphic observations:

Earth type skin texture on his hand represents that his ideas are primitive nature. Most of time this type of people always like to deal with metal, wood and solid things. He had used hard materials and metal instrument in all the murders and crimes he had committed. Below figure 04 shows the items used by him.



1975 Police Photo of Ted Bundy Items

Figure 04 – items found in Bundy’s Volkswagen, Utah, 1975

Handprint shown here (figure 01) is not very much clear. Therefore more details cannot be described here. But according to the fingerprints released by FBI, Same fingerprint pattern can be seen on 8 fingers. (Right hand - L, L, L, L, L / Left Hand - L, L, L, L, L) This aspect is one of atavistic sign.

INTERSTATE FLIGHT - MURDER *TOP TEN*

WANTED BY FBI

THEODORE ROBERT BUNDY *MAILED*

ALIASES: Rex Bundy, Ted Bundy, Ted Casell, Theodore Robert Cowell, Theodore Robert Nelson, Bundy FBI No. 251,163 P2

NCIC: P154081311912051113 4 1 1 R 111 11

Photographs taken 1977

See index

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 31, born November 24, 1946, Burlington, Vermont (not supported by birth records)

HEIGHT: 5'11" to 6"

WEIGHT: 145 to 175 pounds

HAIR: dark brown, collar length

BUILD: slender, athletic

OCCUPATIONS: bellboy, busboy, cook's helper, dishwasher, janitor, law school student, office worker, political campaign worker, psychiatric social worker, salesman, security guard

SCARS AND MARKS: none

DE-34 *Alibi*

CRIMINAL RECORD

Bundy has been convicted of aggravated assault

CAUTION

BUNDY, A COLLEGE EDUCATED, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, ENTHUSIAST WITH A PRIOR HISTORY OF ESCAPE, IS BEING PROSECUTED AS A FUGITIVE ESCAPEE AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF KIDNAPING AND WHILE AWAITING TRIAL INVOLVING BRUTAL SEX SLAYING OF WOMAN AT 261 RESORT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED, DANGEROUS AND AN ESCAPE RISK.

Theodore Bundy

Con Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

A Federal warrant was issued on January 5, 1978, at Denver, Colorado, charging Bundy with unlawful interstate flight to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1010).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4775
January 31, 1978

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Figure 06 – fingerprints of Ted Bundy

4) Other observations:

Inward bent fingers are primitive sign; it also indicates an overly strong concentration on ones ego and a self-centered gesture, often associated with a schizophrenia personality. It also may show lack of coordination. The inward bend gesture shows an unrealistic hand and reckless fanaticism.

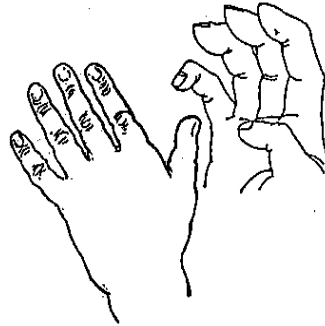


Figure 05 – inward bent fingers (clutching gesture)

B. Gangster Alvin Karpis:**1) Chirominical observations:**

Low set thumb can be seen. It is one of animalistic sign.

First phalanges of all fingers are very short. It denotes quick actions and aggressiveness.

Length of fingers compared with each other, first finger equal to the third finger signifies great desire for fame and riches.

Mounts of Moon, Mars and Venus are exaggerated; it denotes the burgling and gambling desires. Apart from this harmony is indicated by a strong mount of Moon while melody belongs to a strong mount of Venus. Alvin's hands both these mounts exaggerated and his prominent mount of mercury denotes that he has talent in instrumental music. Considering the hand as a whole this hand belongs to artistic hand type. According to the prison record noted in May of 1966 that "he has been spending most of his free time writing songs, accumulating about 80 or 90 of them during the past year...He also plays the guitar and drums, and is hopeful that he can secure employment as a guitar player or as a drummer or singer."

Narrow in the center of the quadrangle shows a disposition to injustice, malignity and deception and narrow minded person.

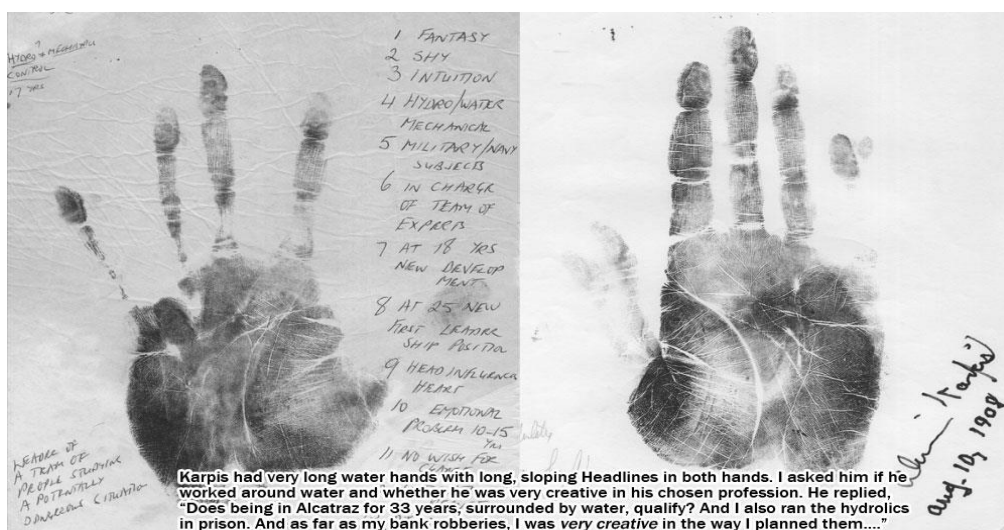
2) Chiromantical observations:

Figure 07 – hand print of Alvin Karpis

He started the crime at the age of 10, the year was 1917 again the last digit of the year 17 become under the influence of Saturn, for selling the pornography and running around with gamblers, bootleggers, and pimps. When you are observing his left hand at early age of 10 there was a break in life line which denotes he left all the qualities of love of power, the another line of life was rising under the Mount of Mars had influence of this Mount of Mars characters given him the active courage and great presence of mind in danger.

By contrast, a shallow curved line of life describes the austerity and hardship experienced through a lack of love.

Defective heart line can be seen. It denotes emotional problems. Also thin long heart line (Suwon line) shows a murderous instinct.

Fair health line marked on the right hand. It's a sign of success in business. Alvin Karpis was a successful Robber, burglar.

Triangle can be seen on the upper mount of Mars in left hand. It signifies bravery.

Drooping line of head indicates suicide tendencies and deceitfulness. This abnormal quality shows the capable of murdering or abnormal tendencies for crime and will stop at nothing to accomplish their purpose.

In 1926, he was 19 again his born date following him and he was sentenced to 10 years. At the same time in both hands some unusual signs were there, in left hand there were 2 islands and in right a small triangle was arrived on the head line which denotes the imprisonment.

On May 1, 1936, the FBI located Karpis and arrested at the age of 29 Sentenced to life imprisonment for 26 years. We can find that period of his life in imprisonment was shown in his right hand palm. Where the big Triangle was arrived on head line up to the age of 62 He was released on parole in 1969.

3) Dermatoglyphic observations:

Water type skin texture can be seen on his hands. See above figure 06. It signifies creative ability and artistic ability. He is very clever in actions performed by the tip of the fingers. The following figure 08 indicates how fingers look like after fingerprints have been removed by a surgery.



Figure 08 - Alvin Karpis shows FBI agents in May 1936 how he had his fingertips altered to avoid capture. He also had changes made to his face. Both makeshift surgeries were performed by underworld physician Dr. Joseph Moran in 1934.

But according to the fingerprints taken from FBI earlier it is indicated same fingerprint pattern can be seen on seven fingers. This is one of atavistic sign.

IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1218 March 22, 1934.	DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, D. C.	Fingerprint Classification $\frac{13 \ 1 \ Rr \ 5}{1 \ 0 \ 7}$
WANTED ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, A. CARTER, RAYMOND HADLEY, GEORGE HALLER, ALVIN KORPIS, EARL PEEL, GEORGE DUNN, R. E. HAMILTON, RAY HUNTER.		KIDNAPING
DESCRIPTION Age, 25 years (1934); Height, 5 feet, 9-3/4 inches; Weight, 130 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, fair; Marks, 1 inch cut scar lower knuckle left index finger.	Photograph taken May 19, 1930. 	CRIMINAL RECORD As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 10 years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930. As Raymond Hadley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge, larceny-auto and safe blower; released to State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, as an escape. As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory; crime, burglary-2nd degree; sentence, 5 to 10 years. As George Haller, #8008, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, investigation-burglary; delivered Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.
RELATIVES: Mr. John Karpis, father, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, 2842 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Emily Newbold, sister, 2840 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Robert (Clara) VeNute, sister, 1829 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Albert (Amelia) Grooms, sister, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas.		As A. Karpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931; charge, burglary; sentenced September 11, 1931, 4 years, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma; paroled.
Alvin Karpis is wanted for questioning in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city. (over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.		

Figure 08 – Alvin Karpis finger prints

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IV. DISCUSSION

Various aspects were observed under 3 divisions of Palmistry such as Chiromony, Chiromancy and Dermatoglyphics. Not only one or two aspects have tendency for crime but also majority of these aspects tend to criminal activities have been considered. Skin ridges never change throughout the person's lifetime. It has connected with the DNA. Therefore aspects of dermatoglyphic division can be used in order to identify inborn characteristics of a person. The formation of the hand never changes except at a particular situation. Therefore aspects of Chiromony division indicate something impossible to change. But the aspects of Chiromancy division may have the tendency of changing along with the person's mentality and time. Therefore aspects of criminal tendency can be changed in keeping with the environment. Negative qualities can be recognized at earlier stage. As a result of this we can minimize the person's attendance for crimes.

V. CONCLUSION

The review has covered the scientific studies of the Palmistry. Hence this article will be useful to those researchers interested in validating the hidden truth which has not been scientifically validated. I emphasize the fact that hand analysis can be used to certify a crime and identify criminal tendencies of a criminal and the nature of the crime.

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