

## **P-671 - HOMICIDAL BEHAVIOR IN SCHIZOPHRENICS IN IBIN-AL-HAITHAM HIGH SECURE UNIT, IN AL-RASHAD TEACHING MENTAL HOSPITAL, BAGHDAD**

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**Background:** Few papers reported that schizophrenia predisposes to homicidal behavior. The aim of this paper is to report our experience with homicidal behavior in Schizophrenic patients admitted at Ibin-AL-Haitham a high secure unit, in AL-Rashad Teaching Mental Hospital, Baghdad.

**Patients and methods:** Homicide offenders are subjected to intensive forensic psychiatric investigations in Iraq. Therefore, it was possible to obtain and review data of 118 homicide offenders admitted in Ibin Al-Hiathim Secure Unit in AL-Rashad Teaching Hospital of Baghdad during period from July 2003 to July 2008.

**Results:** The percentage of schizophrenia in this sample was 44% and 57% of schizophrenic offenders were in the age group (20-40years). There were more males ; simply because males are more liable to break the law than females. Higher number of urban living offenders is probably attributed to the fact that psychiatric institutions and services are more accessible , and accurate recording in urban areas than in rural areas. Victims are mostly of first degree relatives of the offenders.

**Conclusion:** According to our experience there is a strong relationship between schizophrenia and homicidal behavior.