

Youth Psychopathy and Adult offending in Emerging Adulthood: The Moderating Role of Offense Motivation

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Research Question & Hypothesis



Research Q:

Does offense
motivation moderate:
psychopathy → adult
offending?



Hypotheses

H1: Psychopathy → more
offending

H2: Motivation differs by
offending

H3: Moderation (expected)

Method

Sample: 535 justice-involved youth

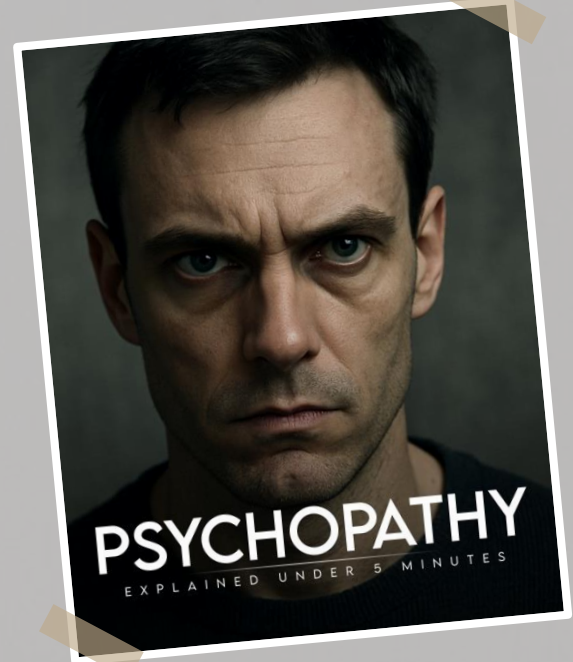
Longitudinal (adolescence → ages 18-23)

Predictor: Psychopathy (PCL:YV)

Motivation: no coded, reactive, instrumental, mixed

Outcomes (18-23): total convictions; any violent convictions

Analyses: regression, interaction terms



Results



Psychopathy → general offending ($p = .008$)
Not violent offending



Instrumental motivation → more offending ($p = .012$)



Gender strongest predictor

No moderation effect



Interpretation

- Psychopathy = stable predictor of offending
- Motivation = independent role
- Measurement limitations (missing data; general coding)