

Most people assume the killer was a male. But some disagree. They think Jack the Ripper was a female. They believe in “Jill the Ripper.” Everyone was looking for a male. This means a female killer would have more chances to go unnoticed.

People accused Mary Pearcey. Pearcey was an English woman. She killed a woman and her baby. She did it with a knife. She dumped their bodies in the street. This happened in 1890. The killings were similar to the Whitechapel killings.

The killer could have dressed in the victim's clothes to confuse people.



INVESTIGATION TIPS

- **Talk to police officers. Ask them how they solve crimes. Get some tips.**
- **Write everything down. Take good notes. Details matter.**
- **Follow every lead. Leads are ideas. Don't get stuck on one idea. Explore different ideas.**
- **Search the area. Every contact leaves a trace. Consider everything as evidence. Look for connections.**
- **Talk to witnesses right away. People forget things over time. They may add details. They may decide not to talk. The best reports are done soon after the incident.**
- **Ask a lot of questions. Try to find a motive. Motives are reasons for doing things.**