Record Nr. UNINA9910255263103321 Autore Farrell Michael Titolo Criminology of Homicidal Poisoning: Offenders, Victims and Detection // by Michael Farrell Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2017 **ISBN** 3-319-59117-7 Edizione [1st ed. 2017.] 1 online resource (XVII, 209 p. 1 illus. in color.) Descrizione fisica 364 Disciplina Criminology Soggetti Forensic psychology Pharmacology Criminology and Criminal Justice, general Forensic Psychology Pharmacology/Toxicology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: Instructive poison cases --Nota di contenuto Chapter 3: Criminal poisoning in theory -- Chapter 4: Understanding Poisons -- Chapter 5: Poisonous plants, animals, bacteria, and drugs -- Chapter 6: Elements and 'other poisons' -- Chapter 7: Poisoners and their characteristics -- Chapter 8: Victims of poisoning -- Chapter 9: Detection and its avoidance in poisoning cases -- Chapter 10: Poisoners on trial -- Chapter 11: Conclusion. Sommario/riassunto This book provides an overview of historical and contemporary cases of homicidal poisoning. While homicidal poisoning is sometimes thought of as a thing of the past, it continues to be a contemporary problem, and in fact the unknown offender rate for poisoning cases is 20-30 times that of other homicide types in contemporary research, and many poisoners commit serial homicides while going undetected. The author of this important and timely work explores the theoretical bases for

> understanding homicidal poisoning, the nature of poisons used in homicidal cases, the characteristics of poisoners and their victims, and techniques for detection and prevention. This unique book will be of

particular interest to: students of criminology (classes dealing with criminal psychology, and murder investigation); students of the history of crime; criminal justice professionals: attorneys, homicide detectives, forensic pathologists, forensic and clinical toxicologists, and other forensic investigators; and all interested in poisons, poisoners and the detection of poisoning. It has relevance to criminology, law and policing, toxicology and forensic science, the history of crime and detection, and criminal psychology.