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Term Paper #Part 1

Richard Cottingham, known as the "Times Square Ripper," committed a series of heinous

crimes during the late 1970s and early 1980s in New York City. His modus operandi

typically involved preying on sex workers in the Times Square area. Cottingham would

lure his victims with the promise of payment for their services, only to subject them to

brutal assaults and ultimately murder them. The exact details of Cottingham's crimes are

incredibly disturbing, involving elements of torture, mutilation, and dismemberment.

However, focusing on the broader patterns of his behavior, it's evident that he targeted

marginalized and vulnerable individuals, taking advantage of their precarious

circumstances for his own sadistic purposes. Cottingham's crimes not only terrorized the

Times Square community but also prompted widespread fear and outrage across the city.

The brutality of his actions and the apparent lack of remorse underscored the severity of

his psychopathy and the danger he posed to society.