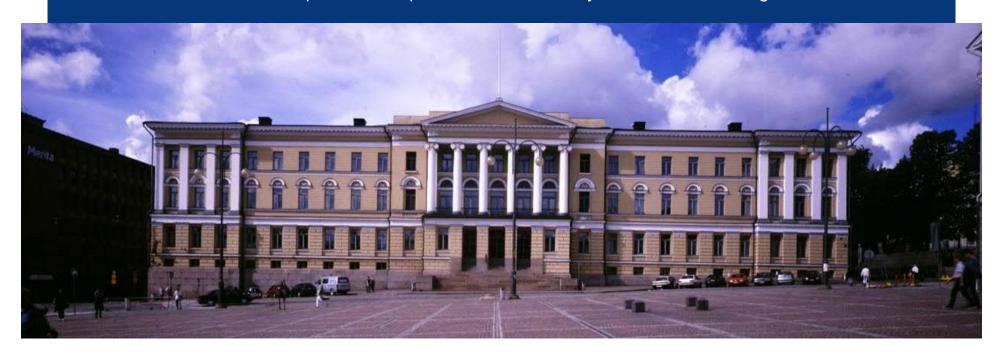
## **Case – Helsinki University**

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#### Introduction

- Detective Sergeant, Senior Specialist
- Last 5 years in homicide unit and Targeted Threat Team
- Head investigator in Helsinki University Case

#### **Main topics**

- Legislation
- Case Summary
  - Who are they?
  - Timeline and WB-signals
  - Planning
  - Get equipped
  - Get-together
  - Arrests
  - Motive and Court
- Helsinki model

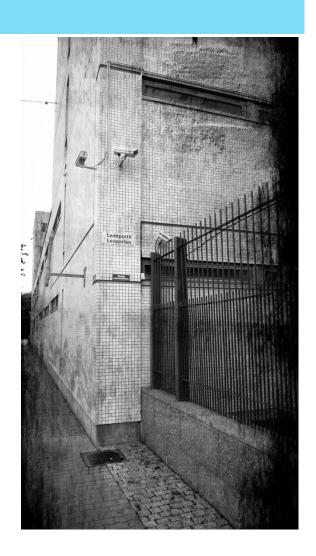
# Preparation of an aggravated offence against life or health - Finnish Criminal Law 21/6/§1

#### 14.6.2013 punishable

## A person who, for the commission of an offence referred to in sections 1-3 or 6 (aggravated assault to murder)

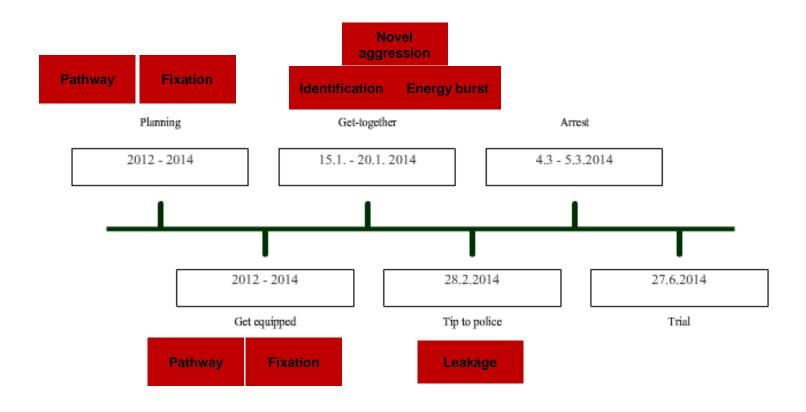
- 1. has in his or her possession a firearm or edged weapon or a comparable lethal implement or instrument that is particularly suitable to be used as an instrument in the offence,
- 2. agrees with another person on or prepares a detailed plan for the commission of one of said offences, or
- 3. employs, orders or otherwise exhorts another to commit said offence or promises or offers to do so

shall be sentenced for preparation of an aggravated offence against life or health to imprisonment for at most four years



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## Timeline / WB-signals



## **Planning - Pathway**

- The suspects met online and discussed the massacre using encrypted emails 2012 – 2014
  - How they do the killing
  - Where they will do the killing
  - Who they would kill
  - When they will do for maximum impact
- Ups and downs
  - Depending on depression levels

## **Get equipped - Pathway**

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Ordering materials on the Dark Web





### Get-together 15.1. – 20.1.2014

Text-file found on Hannu's computer: last minutes hazzle Created: 14.1.2014 a day before

 Persons planned to carry out the attack in January, but postponed it in order to prepare more carefully.

## Get-together 15.1. – 20.1.2014



- Energy burst
  - Meeting
  - Hotel reservation
- Indenfication
  - Web searches
- Novel Agression
  - Visit to premises







#### Arrests on 4.3.2014 and 5.3.2014



#### Materials found in Tirkkonen's apartment

**Arsine** is an inorganic compound with the formula AsH3. This flammable, pyrophoric, and highly toxic pnictogen hydride gas is one of the simplest compounds of arsenic.

**Dimethylmercury** ((CH3)2Hg) is an organomercury compound. A highly reactive, flammable, and colorless liquid, dimethylmercury is one of the strongest known neurotoxins capable of inducing severe mercury poisoning, and is easily absorbed through the skin. Dimethylmercury is capable of permeating many materials, including plastic and rubber compounds



#### Materialis found in Hannu's apartment

Crossbow Gun powder

Bullets Ball bearings

Hydrochloric acid Gas masks

Knifes Etc.

#### Plan to kill

- Place highly-leathal arsine gas to school premises
- Rob a gun store by force (bullets, magazine, crossbow)
- Go back to school, start shooting and finally take hostages and broadcast videos to the internet
- Poison the school permanently with dimethylmercury and set school on fire

#### **Motive**

- Tirkkonen told that he needs to purify his soul because of the hatred that he received from anonymous internet individuals
- Hannu told that bullying made him broken inside and finally he is strong enough to revenge

#### **Court decisions**

#### Helsinki District Court

- Found guilty to preparation of an aggravated offence against life or health
- Planned together to kill randomly at least 50 people
- Sentenced to 3 years in prison.

#### **Helsinki Court of Appeals**

- Josef Hannu prison term stands
- The court declared Tirkkonen non compos mentis (not criminally responsible)

# Helsinki Model – dealing and recognizing potential threats

- Legislation
  - Criminal Code of Finland Preparation of an aggravated offence against life or health
  - Act on the Status and Rights of Patients Breaking Confidentiality (medical)

