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The Mind of the Mass School Shooter: “By the Power of My AR You Will Know Who I Am”

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Learning Objectives: As a result of participating in this Live Activity, participants should be able to:

1. Identify the psychological/behavioral characteristics common to most mass school shooters.
2. Discuss the role that mental illness and other factors in the life of perpetrators play in mass school shootings.
3. Relate the relationship of early attachment and Theory of Mind to the failure to develop empathic connectedness.

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