Phenomenological Criminology: Katz’s (1988) *Seductions of Crime*

Three stages of “doing stickup”

1. Subjective moral advantage: the would-be robber attains a private sense of moral competence to control the situation, often through some “angle.”

2. Declaration: the robber must commit himself wholeheartedly—he must announce publicly and clearly that he is trying to commit a crime.

3. Sticking beyond reason with stickup: “Whether it fails or is successful, a stickup has the potential for transcendent significance for the offender…. If they are to persist, stickup men must adopt a characteristic hardness of will and insist on being criminal, regardless of the dictates of moral reason or instrumental considerations for disciplining their violence. In a phrase, they must become fascinated with the project of being a ‘hardman.’”

Three stages of the sneaky thrills

1. Tacitly generating the experience of being seduced to deviance
   
   Objective is to become taken with object (which may lose charm once taken)

2. Reconquering emotions in a concentration dedicated to the production of normal appearances
   
   Thief must attempt a sociological analysis and focus on normal interactional tasks

3. Appreciating the reverberating significance of accomplishment in a euphoric thrill
   
   Thrill may be described with ludic (game), religious and sexual metaphors