Table 7.1 Contemporary Approaches to Homicide

Type of Criminal Homicide	*Definition*
First-Degree Murder	Premeditation and deliberation and murder committed in the perpetration of various dangerous felonies. Some statutes explicitly include the killing of a police officer and murder committed while lying in wait or as a result of torture or poison. Capital or aggravated first-degree murder may result in the death penalty in the states that provide for capital punishment.
Second-Degree Murder	Killing with malice and without premeditation. This may include a death resulting from the intent to cause serious bodily harm and killing resulting from the distribution of certain unlawful narcotics.
Depraved Heart Murder	Reckless conduct that results in the death of another.
Voluntary Manslaughter	Murder in the heat of passion.
Involuntary Manslaughter	Gross negligence that results in the death of another.