Satanism is a real belief system practiced in the world. In reality, it's just another harmless religion. However, this "religion" has led followers to commit some truly heinous and brutal crimes.
These 10 notorious crimes were committed by Satanists all over the world, and they are truly shocking.

1. Ricky Kasso

Ricky Kasso wholeheartedly believed that he was acting in line with the dark lord's will. Kasso claimed that Satan spoke to him through a black crow, ordering Kasso to murder someone. It should also be noted that Kasso struggled with drug abuse and mental illness. To perform his lord's bidding, Kasso lured a friend, Gary Lauwers, into
the woods. Kasso held a knife to his friend's throat and ordered him to loudly announce "I love you Satan." After Lauwers said this, Kasso killed him, gouged out his eyes, and buried him.

2. Nikolai Ogolobyak

To appease Satan, a group of young Russian kids decided they had to step up their game and begin offering human sacrifices. The group,
led by former church choirboy Nikolai Ogolobyak, lured four teenage friends into the woods. Once in the woods, the satanists stabbed each victim 666 times. They then partially ate the victims. The youngsters were arrested after human bones were found near Ogolobyak's home. After they were arrested, group members allegedly told police "Satan will help me avoid responsibility; I made many sacrifices to him." They also claimed, "I tried to turn to God, but it didn't bring me any money. I prayed to Satan, and things improved."

3. Black Metal Church Burnings

There was a spate of Catholic church burnings during the early '90s in Norway. The perpetrators of these arsons were young satanic musicians playing in black metal bands.
This was how young people vented their frustration at the Christian establishment in the country. From 1992 until 1996, more than 50 acts of arson were committed by black metal musicians and black metal fans.

The most tragic was the loss of an 11th century national landmark, the Fantoft Stave Church.
4. Gaahl

Norwegian black metal band Gorgoroth was one of the most satanic bands in history. The group's singer Gaahl worshipped Satan and committed violent acts in his name. Gaahl was sentenced to a year in prison in 2002 for violently assaulting and torturing a stranger at a party. The stranger apparently made a move to leave the party before Gaahl allowed him to. Gaahl hit the man, tied him to a chair, and tortured him. During the torture, Gaahl collected the man's blood in a cup saying "I'm going to sacrifice you, I'm going to drink your blood." This has been a pattern for Gaahl, who was convicted for similar crime in 2006. The singer even showed up each time in court adorned with satanic symbols.
5. The Beasts of Satan

The Beasts of Satan were an Italian satanic cult in the late '90s. The group was composed of friends with a love of black metal.

In 1998, cult members ritually murdered two of their friends, and allegedly danced on their graves.

The bodies of the 3 victims were found in this hole.
The cult killed once again six years later. Authorities caught up to the cult in 2004, the ringleaders each received lengthy prison sentences.

6. Hatred

Elyse Pahler was by all accounts a teenager with a successful life ahead of her. This was until she was brutally murdered, and her corpse desecrated by members of Hatred, a fledgling Californian metal band. Three members of the band allegedly lured Pahler to their home, where they killed her and performed satanic rituals with her body. According to police, the band members repeatedly violated her body for over a year before they were finally arrested. Pahler's family
tried to sue the heavy metal band Slayer for supposedly inspiring their daughter's killers. The suit was thrown out of court.

7. The Ripper Crew

The Ripper Crew was composed of four serial killers. Between 1981 and 1982, the Ripper Crew stalked and murdered prostitutes in the Chicago area.

The group would pick up prostitutes, bring them back to their apartment, and murder them. During the murder, one member would read from the Satanic Bible. Once the victim was dead, the crew would desecrate the corpse and eat it.

More on The Ripper Crew and other cult murders

8. Richard Ramirez
Richard Ramirez was a serial killer known as The Night Stalker. From 1984 to 1985, Ramirez terrorized the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. Ramirez fueled panic about a satanic killer on the loose, as he often left pentagrams on his victim's bodies and on the walls. In total, he killed 14 people using a variety of brutal and random methods. When he was finally arrested, Ramirez told police he was "a minion of Satan sent to Earth to carry out atrocities for the devil."

9. Rodrigo Orias Gallardo

Rodrigo Orias Gallardo was a black metal fan from Chile who
committed one of the most heinous satanic murders in recent memory.

Gallardo, a dedicated satanist, had a pentagram branded on the left side of his body and several satanic tattoos.

His target was a priest by the name of Father Faustino Gazziero. Gallardo attended mass and waited until the priest was finished with services. That's when he calmly walked up to Father Gazziero and slit his throat. Gallardo then stabbed himself several times with the same knife and smeared himself with the priest's blood. Even stranger is the fact that Gallardo was not under the influence of any narcotics at the time.

10. Miranda Barbour
Miranda Barbour and her husband Elytte were known as the: 

*Killers*
After their arrest for the brutal death of one man, Miranda began to make claims that she was a successful serial killer with 22 murders to her name.

_matches She claims that she began killing at the age of 13, and that every death was for Satan. Her family disputes this claim, but that hasn't stopped police from investigating the alleged crimes.
Bonus:

A man admitted driving a car onto the Oklahoma Capitol grounds overnight and into a disputed granite monument of the Ten Commandments, smashing it to pieces.
The man was detained after he showed up at a federal building in Oklahoma City Friday morning, rambling and making derogatory statements about the president, and admitted destroying the monument, said David Allison, an agent with the U.S. Secret Service in Oklahoma City.
"He claimed he got out of his car, urinated on the monument, and then ran over it and destroyed it," Allison said.
"He said Satan told him to do it, and that he was a Satanist."

The man was turned over to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for questioning, Allison said. A spokesman for the patrol didn't immediately return a phone call seeking information about the man.
The 6-foot-tall monument was erected in 2012 with the blessing of Oklahoma’s conservative Legislature. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma has been suing to have it removed, arguing that it violates the Oklahoma Constitution and could be seen as a state endorsement of a religion.
"We consider this an act of violence against the state of Oklahoma" said Republican state Rep. Mike Ritze, of Broken Arrow, whose family spent nearly $10,000 having the monument erected. "We are obviously shocked and dismayed, but we're not discouraged," he said, vowing to have it rebuilt.

Gov. Mary Fallin called it an "appalling" act of vandalism and volunteered to help raise private funds to restore it. The ACLU sued on behalf of a Norman minister and others who allege the monument's location violates the state constitutional ban on using public property to support "any sect, church, denomination or system of religion." A judge ruled last month that the monument does not violate the Oklahoma Constitution, and ACLU attorneys filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court.

Ryan Kiesel, the ACLU of Oklahoma's executive director, said he and his clients are "outraged" that the monument was vandalized. "To see the Ten Commandments desecrated by vandals is highly offensive to them as people of faith," Kiesel said.
The monument's placement has led others to seek their own on the Capitol grounds, including a group that earlier this year unveiled designs for a 7-foot-tall statue of Satan.

Other requests have been made from a Hindu leader in Nevada and the satirical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.