

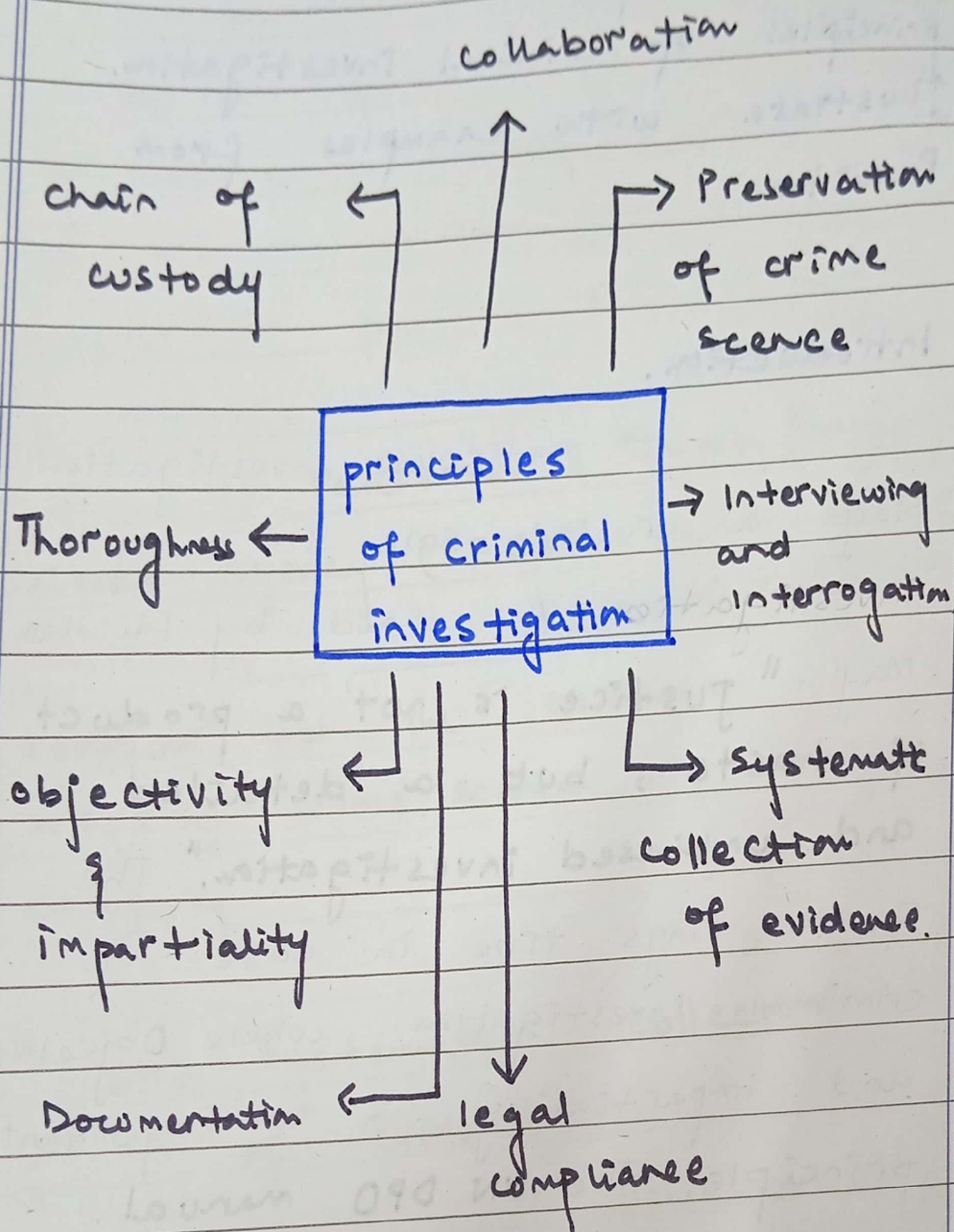
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write a comprehensive note on the principles of criminal investigation. Illustrate with examples from Pakistan.

### Introduction.

A meticulous investigation plays a crucial role in any criminal investigation. As said by Elizabeth May, "Justice is not a product of haste, but a detailed and unbiased investigation." The quote rings true in case of criminal investigation where objectivity and impartiality is an important principle. The UN DPO manual provides a comprehensive note on the principles of criminal investigation that includes preservation of crime scene, systematic collection of evidence, chain of custody and Thoroughness.



## 2. Principles of criminal investigation.

### 2a. Preservation of crime scene.

Preservation of crime scene is a substantial principle of criminal investigation. Its imperative to preserve the crime scene as soon as the crime has occurred in order to prevent the loss of evidence.

In Pakistan, Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) is a leading institute that handles ~~every~~ all the evidence ensuring crime scenes are managed carefully.

## 2b - Systematic collection of evidence

The second important principle of criminal investigation is systematic collection of evidence. This include proper <sup>tagging</sup> tapping, labelling and documentation of evidence.

"The Lahore factory fire case is one of the imperative examples in Pakistan where systematic collection of evidence was a crucial step for determining the cause of fire and holding those responsible accountable."

### 2c - Chain of Custody.

Thirdly, chain of custody is a significant principle of criminal investigation. It is important to keep track of all the people who were involved in collection of evidence, its taping, labeling and transportation.

"The Narcotics case of Faisalabad is an example where the collected drugs were tagged and each

officer involved in handling the evidence signed the chain of custody logged.

## 2d- Thoroughness.

Another important principle is the complete thorough investigation of the case.

Shenzad Khan murder case (2012) was demonstrated thoroughly including comprehensive crime scene investigation, witness interview, and digital evidence collection.

## 2e - objectivity and impartiality.

Objectivity and impartiality are necessary in an investigation. The officers responsible for investigation must be unbiased.

The Asma Aziz case is an example of domestic violence case in which the police

conducted an impartial investigation despite the societal pressure.

### 24 legal Compliance

All the investigation conducted should strictly adhere with the law.

Forensic investigation agency (FIA) in Pakistan conduct its investigation adhering to the principle of Pakistan prevention of electronic crime Act (PECA)

### 29 Collaboration.

collaboration between different agencies and organizations is another important ~~xxx~~ principle of criminal investigation.

In the ATM Skimming case FIA collaborated with INTERPOL for further

## investigation

### 2h - Interviewing and

### Interrogation

Interviewing and interrogation play an important role in investigation. The investigator can use numerous tactics that include direct confrontation, psychological tactics and Building Rapport.

"Javed Iqbal was a notorious serial killer in Pakistan. His case is a harrowing example of how interviewing techniques played a crucial role in uncovering the truth."

### 2i- Documentation

Lastly, documentation of all the evidence and investigation is an important requirement in criminal investigation.

The FIA, particularly its Anti-corruption and Economic wing relies heavily on proper documentation of evidence.

### 3- Conclusion

Thus in a nutshell the criminal investigation procedure includes numerous principles like chain of custody, documentation, Thoroughness, systematic collection of evidence and legal compliance.