

Question

Discuss in detail the interviewing and Interrogation techniques of investigation?

Introduction

During criminal investigation process, it is the pivotal step to establish the criminality using various techniques. Interviewing and Interrogation are widely used method to identify suspect of crime and prove the guilt in court based on substantial evidence.

Interviewing is non-accusatory in nature and has more open ended questions, on the other hand Interrogation is accusatory in nature and use more close-

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ended questions. Interrogation is conducted using various techniques including REID technique, Good copy bad copy and Kinesic interviewing. Both interviewing and interrogation techniques are fundamental part of investigation process.

1- Interviewing techniques

Defination

Interviewing is technique to elicit information. During investigation interview is conducted to with all witnesses and suspects. It is non-accusatory in nature.

Nature of interviewing

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open handed in nature. 75% of conversation is by interviewee. If suspect ^{has} lied, he is not confronted at this stage.

Procedure of interview:

interviewer arrives at the crime scene. He identifies witness and victim. He separates them and conduct interview. He question them and corroborate information using the evidence.

Techniques:

Generally, cognitive technique is used in interview. It include calm, quiet and secluded location. It involve enhancing the recollection of events related to crime. The event is reconstructed to provide maximum information.

a- **Reconstruct the circumstances of event.**

The witness is asked to reconstruct how event began, surrounding circumstances, ~~environment~~ including weather, time and lightning.

b- **Report everything**

Witness is required to report every detail he witness and not to leave anything ~~even its~~ ordinary.

c- **Recall in different order**

The witness is required to recall in ~~different~~ order including ~~backward~~ recall, forward or recall in the middle of event. It prevent the chances of deception.

2- **Interrogation technique:**

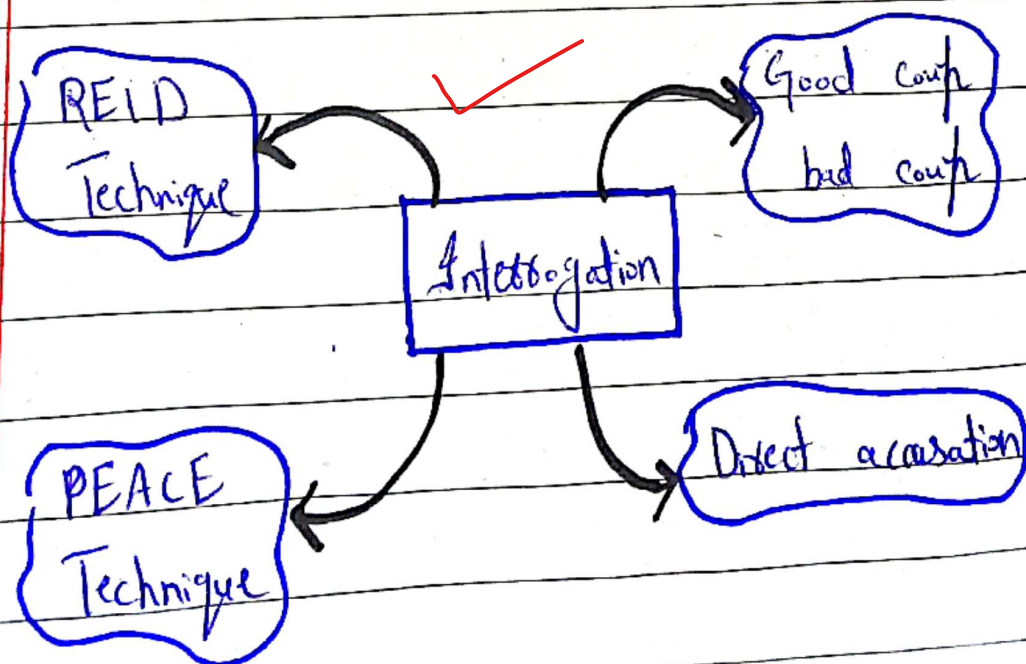
It is ~~process~~ by which

suspects are questioned with regard to their involvement in crime that give rise to investigation

Nature:

The ~~interrogation~~ involve accusing the suspect by interview. It is scheduled at the ~~conclusion~~ of investigation when there is enough evidence. It is accusatory and involve much of the talk by investigator. The questions are less open ended and more direct.

Types of interrogation



Direct Accusation:

This technique is used when there is enough evidence that shows suspect's involvement in crime. It begins by telling suspect that the purpose is to discuss his involvement in crime. Subject is informed about his involvement using evidence, if he denies then he is again accused by repeating the words.

Good cop, bad cop

This is psychologically manipulative technique, one officer earns the antipathy by showing hostile behavior and other earns the criminal's sympathy by showing friendly conduct. The suspect is made to provide information.

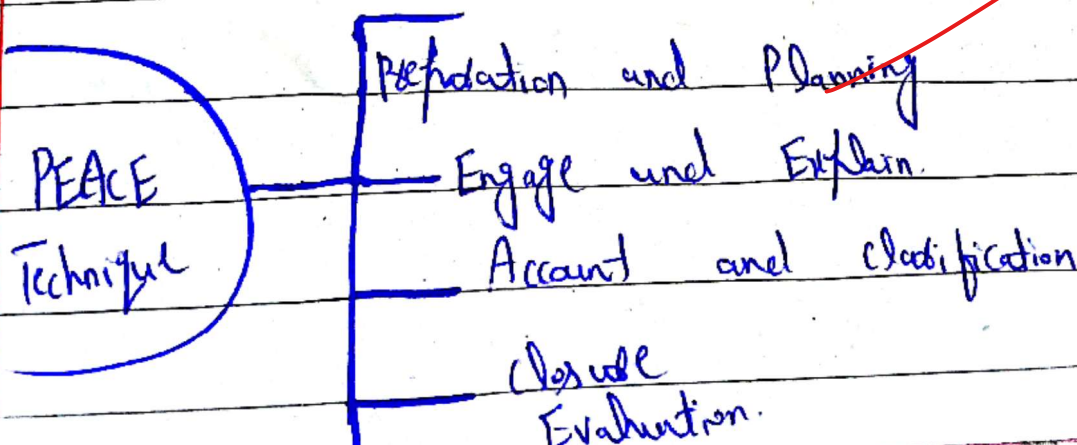
The REID technique:

It is generally an interview format. It is tabulation sheet which consist of 15 numbered questions and warning of rights. Each question has space left where examined write his opinion about truthfulness of responses. He also write the answers of suspects.

PEACE technique:

This technique was developed by England in 1990. It was response to allegation of false confessions by REID technique.

It is acronym of following terms



Process:

Preparation and planning

The interrogator must be cognizant of event, facts related to case and person being interrogated. The question should be well planned.

Engage and explain.

Suspect should be called upon and explain the purpose and methodology of the interrogation.

Account and clarification

All responses should be properly accounted for, all ambiguities be clarified.

close.

The process should be properly closed any missing links should be reconstructed.

Evaluate:

The entire process should be evaluated to reach conclusion and to prove the case in court.

Conclusion:

The techniques of interviewing and Interrogation are the crucial step to prove the criminality and to conduct more effective criminal investigation. Each of the method use various sub-techniques to effectively reach the conclusion and establish facts using information from multidimension. During both techniques it must be ensured that the right of victims and suspects must not be violated.

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