

Question

Discuss in detail the interviewing & interrogation technique of investigation?

INTRODUCTION

Interview and interrogation is an essential part of criminal investigation. These both play a pivotal role in solving a case. Although both are different in tone, technique and method but are necessary for finding truth, gathering information, matching gathered evidence. The formal agencies use both methods to test the evidence and suspect. Many cases were closed in Pakistan history through combination of these investigation tools.

“Interview and interrogation are twin tools need in criminal investigation”

Similarities between Investigation tools

- Both need planning before gathering information and collecting evidence
- Privacy of information and people are essential

→ Both aim to discover the truth

Both are part of criminal Justice Procedure

Both have legal and ethical boundaries

Difference

Interview

- tone is friendly and conversational
- Gathering information
- Pre-interview is not legal requirement
- Interview is not to prove someone guilty
- Only to collect information, not for confession of crime
- It is not in a prepared setting and environment
- Use to match puzzles

Interrogation

- tone is strict, accusatory and harsh
- Proving and finally the information
- Pre-interview is a legal requirement
- It is to prove guilty and responsible for what he/she did
- It is for the confession and prove the criminal guilty.
- It is in a prepared setting and environment
- Already matched puzzles of crime and near crime solution

Interview Purpose

To gather information and evidence

To come closure to crime

Gather evidence to show during interrogation to confess crime.

Solving case and find out the suspect

Example

Someone robbed a shop. The Police ask about the incident to bystanders, shopkeeper, customers etc.

Interrogation Purpose

- Confession and admission of crime
- Arrest the suspect and force him/her to accept his/her crime
- Prove that whatever information, evidence and suspect they get is correct
- To close the case as it is the after method of interview
- No false confession and flawed information pass to court and in trial process.

Example

After gathering information, CCTV footage and evidences, show the things to suspect and force him/her to confess the crime and watch the face expression while seeing the evidence, his movements and tone.

Methods and techniques

→ Interview

Structured interview are used during interview. Close ended questions are asked with sequence.

Unstructured interview are used during interview in which open ended questions are asked.

Cognitive Interview asked bystander to recall the incident, what happened, how, where suspect gone.

→ Interrogation

Reid technique are used in interrogation, where suspect is forced to confession. Asking multiple questions, showing photos near crime, CCTV footage so help her confess crime.

Traditional Technique It is the old technique to interrogate the crime. Not providing food, water and allowing sleep so in pressure helpster will confess crime.

PEACE Model is used during interrogating crime. To solve the case and test the gathered data.

P → Preparation
E → engage
A → account
C → closure
E → evaluate

Emotional Vs logical technique

This technique is also used during interrogation. Emotionally asking him/her that the victim loss his family and build guilt in his heart so he confess.

Logically ask question like adding reasoning and logic that why he did that, any specific reasons, logical reason to commit a crime.

Challenges faced by Pakistan Criminal investigation system

→ Poor investigation

The Police officers cannot interview and interrogate the people and suspect. They take improper information and limited evidence which become a problem in case solving.

→ Incomplete evidence gathering

The IO and Police force gather incomplete information that result in incomplete case and unable to solve crime. They ignore small evidences and information.

→ Untrained officers

Officers are not properly trained for investigation. They don't know the moral ethical of investigating and interrogating.

→ Corruption and misconduct

The system and officers are often involved in corruption and closing case for money and under political pressure. Police close the case before it enter in court for instance take money from culprit to close the case and remove report.

Conclusion

Criminal investigation is incomplete without interview and interrogation. Interview helps in gathering information, collecting evidence and searching suspect however interrogation helps in proving of collected information and confession of suspect.

“Nothing matters but the facts, without them, the science of criminal investigation is nothing more than a guessing game”

Blake Edwards

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