

Enumerate and explain the key principles that guide effective criminal investigations. How do these principles contribute to the success of an investigation?

Introduction

Effective criminal investigation is very essential to convict the suspect and establish justice in society. Criminal investigation decides the fate of criminal and society. Criminal investigation refers to the data, information or knowledge extracted from investigation to prove a person guilty. There are number of principles which can ensure and contribute in success of an investigation.

Goals of Investigation

- 1- Identify the crime's nature
- 2- The real culprit from suspects
- 3- Justice to victim
- 4- Ensure punishment for guilty.

Principles of Investigation

- 1- Accountability
- 2- Transparency
- 3- Merit-based investigation
- 4- Secrecy
- 5- Professionalism
- 6- moral values
- 7- Procedure given in law

Fundamental of Investigation

- 1- 'What' has happened. The crime's nature
- 2- 'Who' committed the crime.
- 3- 'Where'; the location of crime.
- 4- 'When'; time of crime.
- 5- 'How' refers the procedure of crime.
- 6- 'Why' questions the reason of crime

The goals, principles and fundamentals are necessary to carry out a well conducted investigation.

Key principles

There are number of principles which must be followed and they also varies from stage to stage in investigation. Investigation includes

- 1- Preliminary investigation
- 2- Database, Electronic and Forensic investigation
- 3- Interviewing
- 4- Interrogation; Reid technique, PEACE method
- 5- and Kinesthetic analysis
- 6- Search/seizure, stop and frisk and arrest

All these steps in criminal identification demands fulfillment of principles to ensure accurate investigation.

a. Accountability in investigation

The investigator officer must perform pre-liminary investigation with accuracy. When charge sheet reaches prosecutor, he has authority to send file back for improvement. Investigation officer's accountability towards senior officers hampered any disloyalty towards duty. Investigating officers ~~will~~ ensures to collect every evidence and then analysis to leave any loophole. The accountability is a check for authentic investigation.

b- Transparency in investigation

The process of investigation must be transparent. The concealment can favor the criminal and results faulty investigation. For instance, Pakistani Police stations are notorious for such activity. They hide investigation and take bribery from criminal to protect him.

Transparency at every stage is required. During database, digital or forensic investigation. The investigation officer are advised to collect information by himself. He must collect recent data with signature of officer of the department.

c- Merit based investigation

Meritocracy is also another principle to carry effective investigation. The system usually favours powerful and manipulate the poor. The investigation process must not favour any one just because

of their status.

For instance, the lack of authentic investigation in case of **Mukhtara Mai** let her criminals free. The system favored the powerful and exploit poor.

d. Secrecy in investigation

The investigation procedure must remain in secret from those who can influence the investigation. Transparency and accountability among the team must be maintained but secrecy from other.

For instance, if a son of a politician is involved in criminal activity. They will influence the system and replace his son with some poor guy. That artificial guilty takes money and suffer punishment.

e. Professionalism of officer

Professionalism is also essential

for well conducted investigation.

The investigation officer must aware of all the procedures of investigation and treat criminal according to that.

For instance, in motorway case the criminals were arrested because of forensic investigation.

The investigating officer must use new methods of investigation for reaching modern criminals

2. Moral values in investigation

The section 4 of CrPc guides about the process of arrest. The criminal procedure code guides about the procedure of investigation. The investigation officer must ensure the moral values even for culprits.

For instance, section 51 of CrPc guides that no woman can be arrested after sun set. But it also gives that a male

police officer can not arrest a female. If no female staff is available then any woman can help the investigating officer to arrest her on this behalf.

g. Procedure of law

The CrPc mentions all procedures and those must be followed.

The pre-liminary investigating officer must save the victim first and then protect the evidence. The evidence can be compromised for the life of victim.

For instance, if officer do not follow the investigation and interview procedure, he can not ensure efficient investigation.

h. Modern technique in investigation

In present time, investigation can not be conducted by traditional methods. The modern criminal shifted from physical to cyber harm.

For instance, Mustafa and Armughan case was based on ~~the~~ digital crime and a murder revealed the whole big crime behind.

i. Ethics in investigation

The investigating officer must secure himself from any illegal act. The involvement of bribery and corruption or any kind of favour can not follow efficient investigation.

Effective investigation

Transparency

Secrecy

accountability

professionalism

Authenticity

Ethics
in
investigation

Meritocracy

Conclusion.

The investigation process revolves around the authenticity of investigation process. The leakage of principles from any side can effect effective investigation. The loophole in personality of investigation and deceive ability of criminal must be tackled for effective criminal investigation