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Propositions of the thesis

A Broken Tandem: Understanding Lack of Witness Cooperation in the Interview Room

1. It is essential for police practitioners to promote cooperation understood as an individual's willingness to report information and not only facilitate accurate recall in witness interviews.
- *This thesis*
2. Lack of witness cooperation jeopardises effective information elicitation by reducing the amount of information disclosed.
- *This thesis*
3. Lack of witness cooperation can influence the use of ineffective interviewing practices and vice versa.
- *This thesis*
4. A cost-benefit analysis can account for an individual's decision to report remembered information about a witnessed crime in an interview, and the effect of the interviewer on increasing the benefits and reducing the costs of disclosure.
- *This thesis*
5. The implementation of evidence-based interviewing practices requires collaborative research between scientists and police practitioners.
6. The evaluation of witness statements in criminal proceedings should require an evaluation of how that evidence was obtained.
7. Understanding the reconstructive nature of memory and its frailties will reduce miscarriages of justice.
8. A clearer operationalisation of rapport is needed to empirically examine how it facilitates cooperation.
9. Conducting a criminal investigation and scientific research benefit from scepticism and scrutiny to prevent biased results.
10. Contrary to the individualistic reward system in academia, most scientific research is conducted collectively.
11. "A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song".
- *Maya Angelou*

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