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Propositions of the thesis

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The impact of drugs on false memory formation from a legal-psychopharmacological perspective

1. Particularly in cases of violent crime, alcohol or drug intoxication is the norm rather than the exception.

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2. Factors such as the type of substance, dose, the affected memory stage, and the timing of the interview play a determining role in the memory report, calling for a nuanced approach in handling intoxicated individuals in the justice system.

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3. Cannabis-intoxicated individuals are at high risk to form false memories.

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4. Intoxication with MDMA does not increase response bias or the susceptibility to suggestion.

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5. Questioning cannabis-intoxicated individuals should be avoided and delayed until sober to minimize false reporting.

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6. Recent or current drug use on behalf of a suspect or witness should be listed as a potential vulnerability factor in police guidelines, warranting specialized protection and procedural safeguards.

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7. Memory is a poet, not an historian.

- Marie Howe
8. The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance. It is the illusion of knowledge.

- Daniel Boorstin
9. Small facts lead to great knowing.

- Patrick Rothfuss, The Wise Man's Fear
10. The planning fallacy refers to a prediction phenomenon wherein people underestimate the time it will take to complete a future task, despite knowledge that previous tasks have generally taken longer than planned.

- Realization during the completion of this dissertation