

“Improprieties in Documenting Crime Scene Observations as Cause for Wrongful Convictions”

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Problem: False accusations and wrongful convictions are victimizations by the investigatory and criminal justice system
Remedy: Resorting to scientific observations of crime scenes

Objectives

- I) To elucidate that improprieties in ‘observing’ crime scenes *per se* involving equivocal deaths lead to imagine ‘homicide’ impelling the investigators, prosecutors and judges to accuse/convict an innocent individual wrongfully
- II) To stress that ‘observing’ a crime scene *in situ* is part of forensic science practice and ‘crime reconstruction’ is the responsibility of the forensic investigator, a forensic science generalist
- III) To recommend the following remedial measures
 - a) rejuvenating ‘forensic science generalists’
 - b) inclusion of forensic science - crime scene management - as part of the law curriculum

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