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Abstract

With the introduction of recording facilities in police interview rooms, the techniques that officers adopt when questioning suspects are being

increasingly subjected to scrutiny. The research reported in this article, based upon 600 audio and video tapes recorded in three police forces in 1989 and 1990, examines the way in which interviews with suspects were conducted. The study suggests that greater efforts will need to be made in the future if public concern about interview procedures is to be assuaged.

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