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MODUS OPERANDI

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Introduction





Modus Operandi is a Latin word which means a "method of operating"

Used by the law enforcement agencies to refer to a criminal pattern of behaviour on his/her way of committing the crime





Modus Operandi

- It has been defined as " the actions taken by a criminal to perpetrate a crime successfully . A criminals Modus Operandi is comprised of learned behaviours that can evolve and more confident "

Purpose of the offender


-  To protect identity
-  To ensure success
-  For proper line of approach
-  To facilitate escape

Types of Modus Operandi





-  Offense location selection
-  Use of weapon during crime
-  Offender precautionary acts
-  Offender transportation to and from the crime scene

Influences on Modus Operandi

- A criminals Modus Operandi behaviour is learned and therefore dynamic and malleable. This is because Modus Operandi behaviour is affected by the time and can change as the criminal discovers that some of the thing done during a crime are more effective than others .


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- Criminals can subsequently recognize these effective actions repeat them in future and become more skillful, refining their overall Modus Operandi. However, behaviour may also change due to influence of control substances .

Functions of Modus Operandi

-  To maintain records of interstate or interdistrict criminals .
-  To maintain complete history of related criminals .
-  To complete monthly diaries and further submission to , NRCB , New Delhi .
-  To disseminated information regarding crime .

Tendency for Law Enforcement

- The tendency for law enforcement to rely solely on Modus Operandi behaviour like victim type weapon selection and location type as a basis for case linkage .

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- The possibility that one predatory offender operating in or near the same general area as another confusing law enforcement effort .

Importance of Modus Operandi Evidence

- It is helpful to the prosecution. If prosecution has evidence of crime committed by the defendant that are similar to the crime charged . The crime need not to be identical . But the prosecution must make a strong and persuasive showing of similarity between the crime charged and the other crimes.

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Any queries??