

# The role of securing reliable evidence to avoid miscarriages of justice

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# Police investigations

What happened?

Who was involved?

Who did what?



Crucial to ensure the right people are arrested and sentenced appropriately for the crimes they committed.

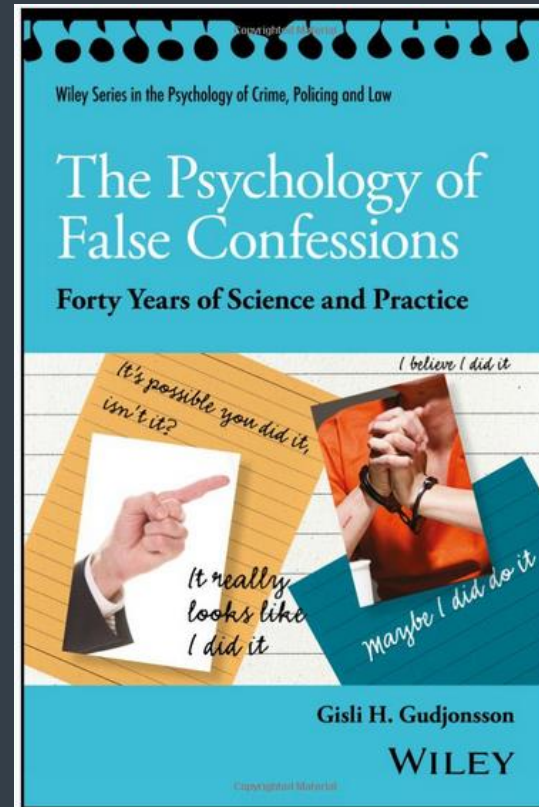
# Investigative Interviewing

- Multi-faceted skill to master; demands a sound understanding of the many cognitive, social, and environmental factors that influence the content and accuracy of witness or suspect accounts.
- Not intuitive, and not easily learned on the job .



# Consequences of poor interviewing practice?

- Confirmation bias
- Poor quality evidence
- Unreliable evidence
- False confessions
- Miscarriages of justice
- Innocent person in prison
- Guilty person free



# Role of FPU in promoting evidence-based practice

