

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 69

In continuation of Police Circular Order No. 2/50, the attention of all officers is drawn once more to the fact that a number of cases have recently failed in courts due to various defects in the test Identification Parades, some of which are indicated below :—

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- (a) Witnesses had opportunity to see the suspects before the parade was held.
- (b) There was inordinate delay on the part of the Investigating Officers in arranging the parade.
- (c) Parades were held piece-meal, witnesses being produced in batches at long intervals.

2. All Investigating and Supervising Officers should bear in mind that Test Identification Parades should be arranged as early as possible after the commencement of the investigation and should generally be held in one instalment and care should be taken so that the witnesses do not see the suspects before they are presented for identification in any case.

3. Superintendents of Police should study the judgements of acquittal cases and take serious notice of all latches on the part of the Investigating Officers, specially in connection with test identification parades.

(Previous Police Circular Order No. 3 of 1953)