

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 135

Scene of
occurrence
Interference
by Public.

The scene of crime and its surrounding are very important from investigation point of view. It is generally seen that soon after the discovery of the commission of a crime, public in large numbers rush to the place, called there as sightseers or to sympathise with the victims and their relatives and disturb the entire locality unconsciously. As a result, traces of the foot and finger prints and the various other articles left by the suspects the trial, of the stolen properties, if any, and other physical clues which lead to the detection of the case are often disturbed and chances of detection of the cases become remote. It is therefore, felt necessary to keep the public informed about the evil consequences of there such unconscious action. This can be conveniently done through exhibitions and propaganda in an organised manner on a wider scale, both in the urban and rural areas, by the Police as well as the Public Relations officers. The District Magistrates should be approached to issue introductions to the District public Relations Officer and a programme drawn up in this regard.

All officers are requested to arrange such exhibitions from now onwards and educate the public about the importance significance of the preservation of the physical clues at near the scene of occurrence and in its surroundings till the arrival of the Police.

It is also equally felt necessary that all Police Officers, the trainees and the recruits in the Police Training College and even the Choukidars should be taught the importance/significance of this matter. The Principal, P.T.C., Angul. All Superintendent of Police and other Police officers of the district should take necessary inactive start teaching the trainees, recruits the Subordinate Police Officers and the rural Police about it as a matter of routine.

I believe, if all pay their sincere attention to it and start the work in the right earnest a good deal of physical clues that are lost at present by the unconscious and unintentional action of the public would be made available to the Investing Officers, which may lead to the detection of a large number of cases.

The District Superintendents of Police are requested to report result in their monthly crime review.

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