Offenders' Memories of Violent Crimes

Claims of amnesia for violent and sexual crimes are extremely common as guilty suspects often allege memory loss to avoid punishment. The important issue in each case then becomes whether such memory loss is genuine or feigned. Offenders’ Memories of Violent Crimes takes a different approach to the subject by focusing not on eyewitness or bystander testimonies, but on the testimonies of the offenders, or, more specifically, offenders’ remembering and telling about their violent crimes.

Under the guidance of Sven Christianson, expert contributors explore offenders’ memories with particular emphasis on theory and empirical research across areas such as memorial patterns, instrumental and reactive offenders, crime-related amnesia, crime-related brain activation, detecting lies and deceit and interviewing techniques.

Organised into three parts: theoretical aspects of offenders’ memories; evaluating offenders’ memories and interviewing offenders, this timely volume furthers the understanding of criminal behaviour. It is essential reading for psychologists, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, social workers and all students and practitioners of clinical psychology, forensic psychology, and law enforcement.

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