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At the present time, the objective of a criminal investigation procedure is to determine, as much as possible, the truth of any charges so as to make use of that truth in coming to a final decision on the disposition of the charge. When a crime is committed, the party committing the offense is the person who knows the full truth, which can lead to the proper final disposition of the case. Therefore a willing confession by the offender helps to reach the objective of determining the truth of the matter.

A confession by one who supposedly committed a crime can be considered as evidence only when the confession was made willingly and without outside coercion such as promises, threats, etc. However, such a confession by the suspect, when used as evidence in trial proceeding, can be severely weakened if the defendant claims the confession was gained through coercion.

Form a study it was determined that by taking the suspect to the scene and reenacting the crime, the confession, as prosecution evidence in a trial, can be strengthened. The result of such reenactment is additional proof that the confession was made willingly and truthfully. However, inasmuch as there are no proper guidelines to effectively control the reenactment procedures, such procedures carried out by the investigating officers have, on occasion, adversely affected the suspects rights in such areas as the right to maintain his dignity, his honor, and his right to be considered innocent until proven guilty. This can also affect the suspects reputation and the proceeding of criminal charges by the state. Therefore, in order to eliminate such adverse effects and to develop more effective procedures for crime reenactment, the author suggest that there be changes in those laws and regulations pertinent to the 'Reenactment of the Scene of Crime to Collaborate a Guilty plea' to make the control of the procedures more stringent.