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Policing young people in the United Kingdom

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The highest proportion of victims of all crime and anti-social behaviour are children and young people and because of their age and maturity, should always be considered as vulnerable. The aim of the police is to prevent children and young people from becoming victims of crime; empower young victims of crime and anti-social behaviour to cope with the effects of their victimisation; divert children and young people away from crime; educate children and young people about the consequences of crime as victims and perpetrators; and promote the five key outcomes for all children and young people, in particular helping them to '*Stay Safe*' and to disseminate good practice through neighbourhood policing teams, neighbourhood watch, schools, youth clubs and other similar groups that engage with children and young people.....

Follow Amanda Knox's money: Supreme Court in Italy: Knox and Sollecito's appeal reheard on Meredith Kercher's murder conviction

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The police in Perugia, Italy have never given what they perceive as a clear motivation for the murder of Meredith Kercher, a British university student enjoying an exchange programme at the University of Foreigners in Perugia. Taking the alternative psychological perspective on personality advocated by Mischel and Shoda (1995) would recast the way we think about crime and criminality. Criminality is viewed as an underlying disposition that provides motivation to offend, and crime as the behaviour that results when opportunities (or situations) exist that allow that disposition to manifest itself. Briar and Piliavin (1965) many

years ago wrote about “situationally induced motives to deviate.” However, as Birkbeck and LaFree (1993: 130) have observed, “criminologists find it easier to conceive of situations as opportunities than as motivating factors.” This observation accurately reflects the dominance of a traditional trait orientation in criminology. In contrast, if we take seriously behaviour-situation regularities as representing the basic structure of personality, then we would view dispositions as the inextricable linkage between situation and behaviour, and crime and criminality become inseparable.

Be careful what you wish for

Sally Ramage

‘Okay, it’s smoke and mirrors. So what?’

You’d be surprised how much of the legal process

Is exactly like that. Just like in Hollywood,

Image is everything in the courtroom, dahhhling!’

Darlene Ricker, American lawyer and legal journalist, in Nash, B., and Zollo, A. (editors) (1995) *Lawyers wit and wisdom*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Running Press Book Publishers.



Photo: woman lying in a bath full of alleged real currency- Source: Google.

The *Daily Mail* featured a photograph of a wealthy young Philippine woman, Jeane Napoles, following which publication, Ms Napoles found herself under investigation for tax evasion largely, allegedly, due to photos published online of her allegedly privileged lifestyle.¹ The *Daily Mail* also reported in the same short article that Jeane Napoles' mother is already under police investigation as part of the Philippines' biggest ever fraud case. The photos which they posted featured designer dresses, jewel-encrusted shoes and fast cars, and instead of admiration of their alleged possessions, there was public condemnation from people in the Philippines, her home country, where an estimated 28 per cent of people live in poverty.



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