IMPLEMENTATION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE IN PAKISTAN'S LEGAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: A CRITICAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVE: THE IMPORTANCE OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE AND ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION

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Abstract:

Currently, the field of forensics plays a significant role in the criminal justice system's operations by supplying data that might be used to assess the degree of guilt of a suspect. In order to resolve crimes, gather evidence, and decide cases involving overt lawbreakers, the judicial system is becoming more and more dependent on forensic science. In any case, it continues to seem impossible to determine the importance of criminological science in relation to the task at hand and the results of cases in the setting of Pakistan. In the past, study in this field has mostly concentrated on science and innovation instead of how people might use legal institutions and science to their greatest advantage to achieve acceptable equality results. The efficiency of criminological science in police investigations and court preliminary hearings is examined in this. Recognizing the situations, settings, and ways in which forensic science may improve criminal investigations, court cases, and equity results while guaranteeing the efficient use of resources at Pakistani law enforcement agencies and everywhere else in Pakistan. This article outlines current efforts and gives a summary of the project's rationale and essential components. Forensic science is capable of accomplishing as said since it was created to pursue the truth as required by the criminal justice system.

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Introduction

You may describe forensic science as the examination and application of science to legal concerns. This blending of science and law gives new strategies and techniques for figuring out the truth. The word "forensic" is derived from the Latin word "gathering," which means "gathering," and it refers to a public area where Roman lawmakers and other individuals attended legal hearings and participated in discussions for a number of reasons. These meetings took on their responsibilities for doing research, conducting analyses, and producing standard regulations (Conner, 2007). The two purposes of the integrative branch of study known as legal science are the investigation of crime scenes and the collecting of evidence for use in the preliminary for the arraignment of wrongdoers in a formal courtroom. Scientific research techniques are being used to examine passive acceptance of peaceful agreements in respect to weapons of mass destruction. Prior until today, the three main areas employed in measurable science were science, science, and medical. Legal science gradually absorbed a variety of disciplines, including toxicology, digital measuring, hand composition, fingerprinting, ballistics, legal brain research, humanities, geography, legal designing, and oenology. Physical evidence such as tools, chemicals (such as blood or drug tests), synthetic materials (paints, explosives, and poisons), tissue remnants (hair, skin), or imprints (fingerprints or tidemarks) left at the site of the crime are all examined by legal investigators. For both domestic and international criminal investigations, Measurable Master offers a wealth of information. Mass burials are not an exception; preliminary procedures and decisions of the specially appointed courts have taken findings from exhumations and studies into consideration. The reality is that relatively few people have the training necessary to adequately apply science to problems that arise in daily life, in the criminal justice system, and in families.

Forensic science, which has been around for 189 years, brings together researchers and criminal investigators to objectively assess the evidence acquired at the crime scene (Wright and Miller, 2005). The field of criminal justice has a very broad scope and range of applications. It completely takes into account the proof that the court used to accuse a defendant of a crime. Scientific science contributes to the fight against wrongdoing by involving witnesses, victims, and specialists in the formal courts. The examination of the crime scene is a crucial element in the criminal investigative process. The way the crime scene is handled affects how a criminal case turns out. Local police in Pakistan do not have the tools they need to handle crime scenes methodically, such as a valid ID and other types of paperwork. In forensics, criminological science and criminal investigation are combined. Physical evidence, biological evidence, traces, impressions, papers, arson and explosion evidence, and drugs and toxicological evidence are some of the different kinds of evidence (Wright and Miller, 2005). Specific limit construction techniques and improvements should be required for the appropriate management of crime locations in Pakistan. The current study concentrates on the circumstances and methods now in use across the world, followed by recommendations for restriction measures in this area.

Basic Concepts in Forensic Science

In the introduction, "the application of science to those hoodlum and customary rules that are supported by the police work settings in a lawbreaker esteem framework" is characterized as forensic science. Forensic science is concerned with using data and procedures from several scientific disciplines to solve legal problems. Software engineering, physical science, physics, and other fields are used in its development. Physical science is used, for example, to appreciate the example of a blood splash, to build up the origin of an unidentified subject, and to determine how pharmaceutics are created. In this sense, the basic but occasionally misinterpreted function of science in criminal justice and the larger body of laws.

According to forensic biology, DNA profiling is the other often employed legal procedure in criminal investigations besides finger imprint analysis. Legal experts can use DNA to identify or confirm an unidentified person or to eliminate acquaintances from a list of suspects because DNA is as unique to an individual as fingerprints. Among the natural samples most commonly used for DNA profiling are blood, saliva, semen, skin, urine, and hair. However, in a formal trial, DNA fingerprints are rarely used as the lone piece of evidence (Berghaus, 1991).

Measurable or Forensic Odontology:

Forensic or forensic odontology helps in giving unmistakable evidence of errors when a body is left in an unidentified state. This is accomplished by looking at their teeth, dental structure, and overall mouth form. The growth and support systems of the teeth, as well as any restorative dental surgeries like fillings, are examined by legal dental professionals, often referred to as odontologists, who help in the precise identification of a person. It is widely used in criminal exams for indentation investigations.

Regulated Substances:

Restricted drugs are substances whose potential for misuse is really believed to exist. The ability to recognize and comprehend such illegal substances is anticipated to play a crucial role in assisting law enforcement organizations in their fight against ongoing drug use and prescription-based violence. This combines "street narcotics like heroin or ecstasy with doctor-recommended medications like oxycodone.

Criminal toxicology

Toxicology reports give crucial information about the idea of drugs present in an individual relating to a rate, making this area of legal science of primary importance in street accidents, hurting, sexual savagery, and other cases. It also determines whether the number of drugs exceeds the acceptable level or is typical in accordance with a therapeutic regimen.

Criminal Anthropology

Agents can identify casualties with the use of these examinations, especially when the bodies are so badly damaged that they are virtually unrecognizable. Forensic anthropologists evaluate damaged human remains or skeletons to help establish the age, stature, sex, and family line of a deceased person. It also establishes the length of time since death by identifying and evaluating wounds, if any.

Forensic Pathology and Medical-Legal Death Investigation

Scientific medicine involves the collection and examination of clinical instances to unearth truths that can hold up in a formal courtroom. For example, differentiating proof of wound examples can help determine the weapon that caused the injury. Additionally, quantifiable pathologists can examine exit and passage wounds in cases of passing involving the use of fire.

Pattern and Impression Evidence:

An "impression" is created when two things interact strongly enough to leave an imprint; this could be a two-dimensional imprint, like the imprints left by a finger, or a three-dimensional one, like the imprints left by a shot. Examples of proof examination include identification and evaluation of additional data included within an impression.

Evidence by Trace:

Its tendency to be successfully transferable between objects, people, or environments during wrongdoings gives it its name. There are many different types of follow proof, including evidence found in wood, dust, soil, hair, fibres, and discharge buildup. Follow-up evidence frequently plays a big role in establishing a strong connection between a suspect and the subject of the investigation. For example, a dirt sample found on the victim's shoes can provide basic details.

Digital forensics

Cyber forensics is the investigation of digital evidence from PCs and other high-tech storage devices like hard drives, pen drives, and so on. Although it is primarily used for the investigation of digital wrongdoings, it is frequently used in everyday activities as well. Since the middle of the 1980s, digital forensics has been used in criminal investigations.

Ballistics:

Criminal science typically uses ballistics in criminal assessments, for example, analyzing a shot that was fired at a crime scene can reveal the type of gun used to fire it and whether or not it was related to earlier bad behavior.

A Job Description for Forensic Science in Criminal Investigations

Criminological science deals with the analysis of the evidence to establish facts that are admissible in court, while analysts and legal requirement organizations are occupied with the collection of proof, whether it be physical or computerized. Without forensic science, a criminal investigation would be a disjointed puzzle. Hoodlums can never be sentenced without the assistance of quantifiable science, unless an observer is available.

The duties and responsibilities of a legal researcher in a criminal investigation are significant since they entail the careful evaluation of a piece of evidence while ensuring that it hasn't been tampered with. A variety of legal experts and tools are used in the analysis of a criminal demonstration. As a result, assassins, criminals, drug dealers, and attackers would roam free in a society lacking criminological expertise.

As an example, legal pathologists are skilled at determining the cause of a death by performing post-mortem examinations, which examine body fluids and tissues to determine the cause and manner of death. In order to identify suspects, scientific scientists examine genuine evidence (fingerprints, blood, hair, and so forth) collected from the episode site. Also, criminologists use photo-editing tools to search for criminals who have been evading the author.

Meaning of DNA and contemporary forensic science

Prior to looking at the incidental evidence, it may be helpful to emphasize the role of science, current scientific procedures, and technological advancements under our legal system. This is what the High Court of Pakistan did in its landmark decision, which was published in the Supreme Court Monthly Review No. 2021 PLD 362 Supreme-Court. Courts must comprehend science and its standards, apparatuses, and procedures in order to be accessible to clients in this inventively complex culture. The boundaries of deductively sound information should be respected by the courts in making legitimate decisions. An appointed authority, and particularly a preliminary adjudicator, acts as a guardian of the logical proof and as such should have a superior understanding of science. Courts should be open to advancements in legal science and embrace new strategies and gadgets to resolve a dispute, provided that the said procedure and gadget is grounded and widely acknowledged by established researchers as a reliable and solid strategy or device. As science advances, so will criminological methods, apparatuses, and gadgets. 1 The Qanun-e-Shahdat Order, 1984's (QSO) Article 164 is the portal that opens to modern forensic science entering our courts. According to Article 164, courts may allow the creation of any evidence that might have become available as a result of modern tools and methods. Proviso 2 to Article 164, which was added in 2017, states that a conviction based on modern tools and techniques may be valid. Article 164, when read in conjunction with Article 59, et alia, allows modern forensic science to be admitted into courts through the respected and reputable logical opinions of experts as evidence, so demonstrating reality.

Understanding a criminal's thinking through criminal profiling

Depending on how one views the property taken from a wrongdoer, criminal profiling allows criminologists to narrow their focus on suspects by determining a criminal's characteristics and track record. This makes it easier to assess the offender on a whole social and mental level. Although it is typically criticized for its accuracy, feasibility, and logical validity, its role in the criminal investigation cannot be ignored.

Forensic science's importance to the legal system

The Latin term "forenses," which denotes a dispute, is where the word "forensic" gets its root. A conversation from ancient Rome made reference to a public area where formal meetings and discussions took place. In this way, the term "legal science" and its true meaning are defined in reference to the general body of laws. Measurable Science covers the gathering, safeguarding, and examination of evidence sufficient for the formal courtroom arrest of a wrongdoer. So, it is clear that scientific research will be used in the criminal equity framework. The overarching body of legislation typically views the role of quantifiable evidence in the prosecution of criminal offenders. This is because there isn't much room for inclination or treachery when rational methods and tactics are applied. This is the rationale behind the widespread acceptance of DNA profiling and other criminological evidence in courts all over the world. Surprisingly, the very earliest criminological process to be used dates all the way back to the Chinese and includes finger and palm print ID (650 A.D.).

Pakistan's management of crime scenes is a much-ignored area

The importance of crime scene investigations has not only been downplayed but also overlooked over the past few years. Lack of several crime-fighting innovations already in use in other nations is one reason why crime location management in Pakistan is inadequate. In any case, police authorises the investigation of crime scenes in developing countries like Pakistan because scientific research is rarely seen as an integral part of the conversation.

As we presumably already know, many serious wrongdoings require the attention of a well-functioning police administration, and the absence of criminological administrations, along with a lack of preparation and equipment, severely reduces the ability of Pakistani law enforcement to follow through on solving a case (Hassan Abbas 2011).

Discussion and Verdict

The use of logical methods, systems, and procedures in forensic science is referred to as "coordinated to the acknowledgment, ID, individualization, and appraisal of actual proof by the employment of the fundamental sciences to regulate science matters" (DeForest, Petraco, and Koblinsky, 1983). It has

numerous subfields, including those in the domains of topography, medicine, brain research, and material science. However, a broad view has also been adopted by a few.

When used completely and without bias, logical arguments can provide useful evidence for uncovering and proving wrongdoing. Aside from DNA testing, which continues to have widespread support in the courts, a huge number of more established, less notable techniques are frequently used in criminal preliminary investigations all over the world. Finger and palm print differentia tion, for example, is a technique that has been around for a while but isn't particularly noteworthy.

Regulation-required organizations are under pressure in this constantly changing industry to acquire evidence properly. In high-profile cases, the news media highlights the value of criminological scientific evidence while ignoring the critical role criminological evidence plays in many criminal trials (Berg and Horgan 1998; Garland and Stuckey 2000; Steadman 2000).

Expert witness testimony is a key source of information for international criminal law, and mass grave forensic scientific expertise is no exception: findings from exhumations and assessments have been highlighted in the preliminary and final rulings of the specially appointed councils. Despite the fact that the problems relating to the law-science relationship have been studied within the scope of public general sets of laws, the blended framework adopted by the Courts provides a planned out discussion with a different special circumstance. There is concern that a government person with advanced scientific training can get arrogant and accidentally (or consciously) taint the evidence, making it illegal. However, given that much crime scene evidence is currently delivered proscribed due to a lack of legal collection (on the off chance that it isn't trampled all over and completely ignored), proper preparation is bound to make matters worse, even if it is carried out by knowledgeable forensic science educators. In a staggering number of situations, this legal science's illustrative capacity allows for the indictment of the guilty or the exoneration of the innocent (Giannelli 1997).

'Forensic devices and procedures should be supported by the knowledge, experience, instinctive investigators, police, and other specialists' task,' according to the statement that "forensic science is a flexible and colossally astounding asset in the examination of a wrongdoing" (Platt, 2003). The study of crime connects all evidence acquired at the scene of the incident to the investigation of the wrongdoing. The procedures and methods are meticulously followed. The confirmations are crucial connections that point to potential culprits and victims of the violations. The investigation designs aid in acquiring physical and other types of confirmations. By using specific tools and packets, DNA specialists are able to recover fingerprints. The crook's personality, type of vehicle, height, and gait can all be inferred from the shoeprints and tyre tracks. The study of homicide, rape, and accident-related incidents is aided by forensic science. In addition, instances involving unidentified remains, missing persons, extortion, and forgery are also resolved (Platt, 2003).

Research centers for legal science have mushroomed recently all over the world in this approach,

forensic evidence is frequently used to both condemn and defend litigants worldwide, and in Pakistan, and special protests must be permitted in order to work on providing criminological services.

Suggestions

In recent years, forensic science has expanded on its complexity and importance. This has led to increasingly notable requests being made for the authorization of regulations. In a few instances, regulation implementation has been discussed and criticized in relation to the identification, acquisition, and handling of fundamental quantifiable evidence. It is acceptable to expect regulation authorization employees to have a stronger understanding of quantifiable science criminal proof. School and universities provide the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities necessary for perplexing, ever-changing tasks to be completed (Lindqusit 1995). As a result, schools and colleges play a crucial role in fostering the growth of the scientific community (Tilstone 1991). In response, law enforcement and forensic science programmes have made contributions that have transformed them from a single course to a wide array of scientific science courses that cover such topics. Instead of turning students into experts, the main goal of these courses should be to increase their knowledge. Students should be aware that taking a few criminological science courses won't help them find employment with forensic labs (Lindquist 1994). In all likelihood, these courses will assist them in pursuing a career in regulation implementation.

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