I10   General Consensus Module: Unified Profiling System

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After attending this presentation, attendees will gain an understanding of the General Consensus Module (GCM) unified system of profiling for serial pattern offenders. This synopsis will present a step by step process, but bear in mind that this is a summary and many more factors and variables will go into the creation of the overall system. Profiling is a relatively new and growing field that will become one of the most useful tools for law enforcement personal to identify the most likely candidates for serial pattern criminal acts, both within the system and those who have not yet been found out.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity through the behavioral sciences fields, though this system encompasses numerous disciplines and methods across the board. The unified system allows for input from criminal investigators, criminologists, forensic scientists, psychology/psychiatry fields, criminal profilers, and mathematics and even other smaller but not less important aspects of investigations.

The system itself entails the process from the crime to the pre- screening process to the profile makeup and profile output to the possible suspect pool (both known and unknown) to the notification of authorities to the apprehension of the suspect to the study of the suspect for further analysis and then returning the analyzed data to the system database for preventing, understanding and recognizing future serial pattern offenders. This system would be a comprehensive unified effort among those who are involved with serial pattern offenses allowing them to pool their resources together to achieve an efficient and thorough profile of an offender from many points of view. The system itself will comprise of all five forms of profiling while using both inductive and deductive logistical reasoning. Then using a network of those with relevant expertise, a comprehensive profile can be built of a suspect that is both thorough and without skepticism. This profile would then encompass all commonalities and unique traits that have been discovered by all who are profiling each and every case with unusual circumstances. This will create commonalities and acceptance across the fields in the science of criminal justice allowing for a more accepted range of generalities within the scientific communities.

This, as anyone in the field would know, would go a long way with use of profiling in a legal context. All the while making society safer from these predators by eventually comprising a characteristic and trait database for the recognition of future offenders and thus being able to possibly monitor those who are at risk and then seeing where the stressors occur that could potentially thrust one over the mental edge and then doing all that is possible to prevent them, if at all possible to begin with.

This GMC will hopefully impact behavioral sciences as well as all areas of law enforcement as an effective and irreplaceable tool in the investigative formats. Hopefully the GCM will further the field of criminal/behavioral profiling as an accepted science and others within the field will see its value as a system that is long overdue within the sciences of criminal justice by creating a networking system that crosses over all disciplines.

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