Arresting the Gaps in Criminal Profiling Literature

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I. Background of Study

- The use of criminal profiling as an investigative tool has been increasing over the past 50 years worldwide. Originally used to assist police investigations, this technique of profiling transitioned into an essential process as an admissible form of expert witness evidence (Kocsis & Palermo, 2016). The literature available suggests the validity of the criminal profiling has been evolving along the 50 year timeline as well (Kocsis, Middledorp, & Karpin, 2008).

II. Research Question

- Does psychopathy in individuals make criminal profiling more difficult? How?
- In what ways could criminal profiling improve our knowledge regarding individuals with psychopathic traits?

III. Methodology

- In this study, I will be synthesizing empirical research about criminal profiling, interview environments and procedures, and psychological variables (e.g. personality traits/disorders).

IV. Anticipated Results

- I plan to find areas where the literature of criminal profiling may be lacking.
- I plan to find any procedural or conceptual limitations in criminal profiling literature.
- This analysis should provide new insight to criminal profiling through connecting ideas and finding the gaps in the literature.

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