

The influence of a street identification on a video lineup

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A street identification, or show up, is a procedure that allows a victim of street crime to make an immediate decision as to whether a suspect is the perpetrator. In the UK a street identification is often followed by a video lineup. Based on data obtained from the police, a series of experiments were conducted, designed to measure the fairness of current practice. The effects of transference of familiarity of a person seen in a street identification and as an innocent bystander were investigated. In all experiments, a bias to video lineups was found from making a street identification decision.