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Study Data from Griffith University Update Knowledge of Psychology (To Know Where the Bodies Are Buried: the Use of the Cognitive Interview In an Environmental Scale Spatial Memory Retrieval Task).

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2020 MAR 21 (NewsRx) -- By a News Reporter-Staff News Editor at Psychology & Psychiatry Journal -- Current study results on Psychology have been published. According to news reporting originating in Brisbane, Australia, by NewsRx journalists, research stated, "Missing body homicide cases have gained public interest globally due to some high-profile cases. In many of these cases, the task of locating the victim's remains relies on the information investigators can gain through the interviewing of willing suspects."

Financial support for this research came from Griffith Criminology Institute.

The news reporters obtained a quote from the research from Griffith University, "To date, investigative interviewing research has largely focused on the retrieval of episodic memory (events) without focusing on spatial memory, a prominent cognitive task required in locating a victim's remains. The current experiment tests the enhanced cognitive interview (ECI) against a free recall strategy in a mock homicide scenario where participants are required to hide and retrieve an object in a natural bushland setting. The results showed that those in the ECI condition produced more coarse- and fine-grained details of landmarks and their actions at and journeying to the deposition site."

According to the news reporters, the research concluded: "This demonstrates the value of using the ECI in generating more valuable information to assist in successive search attempts."

For more information on this research see: To Know Where the Bodies Are Buried: the Use of the Cognitive Interview In an Environmental Scale Spatial Memory Retrieval Task. Applied Cognitive Psychology, 2020;():. Applied Cognitive Psychology can be contacted at: Wiley, 111 River St, Hoboken 07030-5774, NJ, USA. (Wiley-Blackwell - www.wiley.com/; Applied Cognitive Psychology - [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1099-0720](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1099-0720))

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