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One of the key challenges for Investigative Psychology is to understand the processes of behavioural consistency and the ways in which offenders develop or change over time. This is fundamental to establishing the reliability and validity of any assessment of an offender's activities that may be drawn on for investigations, in particular in relation to linking serial crimes using empirical methods.

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