

# Investigation Cycle (Tips, Successes and Failures)

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#### Agenda



- □ Introduction
- □ Carrying out an Investigation Emphasis on High risks
- ☐ Conducting Interview- Emotional intelligent
- ☐ Issues around Evidence
- ☐Report Writing

#### Books....

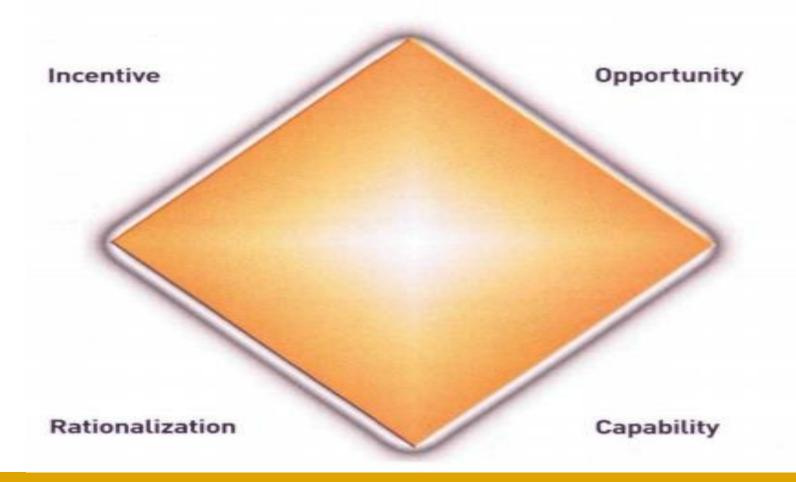


- Emotional Intelligence
- Yellow Weil
- The Prince
- 48 Laws of Power
- How to win friends and influence People
- Why you behave the Way you do

#### Fraud Defined



THE FRAUD DIAMOND



#### Fraud Diamond Kenyan Context



Study in Italy by Lombroso emphasized on Physical attributes



#### Audit and Investigation-Differentiated



 Audit provides assurance over fairness; truthfulness of affairs.

Internal Audit-guided by IIA Standards;

External Audit - Audit Standards

Systems Audit-ISO 27001

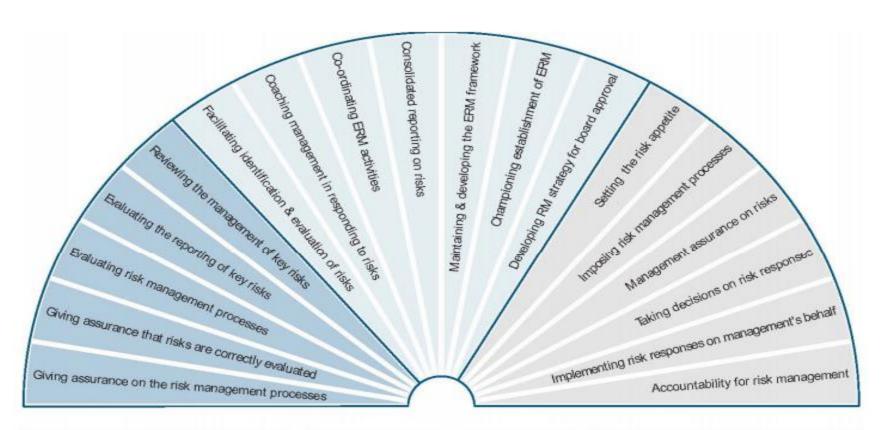
Based on sampling (idea is to bring out red-flags and control maturity)

 Investigation: Assess a specific matter to make a conclusion of its occurrence- affix blame

#### Audit and Risk



Figure 1 - Internal auditing's role in ERM



Core internal audit roles in regard to ERM Legitimate internal audit roles with safeguards Roles internal audit should not undertake

## Methods of Investigation



Assignments can be either:

□ Covert

**□**Overt

☐ How you frame your Terms of reference

#### Classification of Fraud



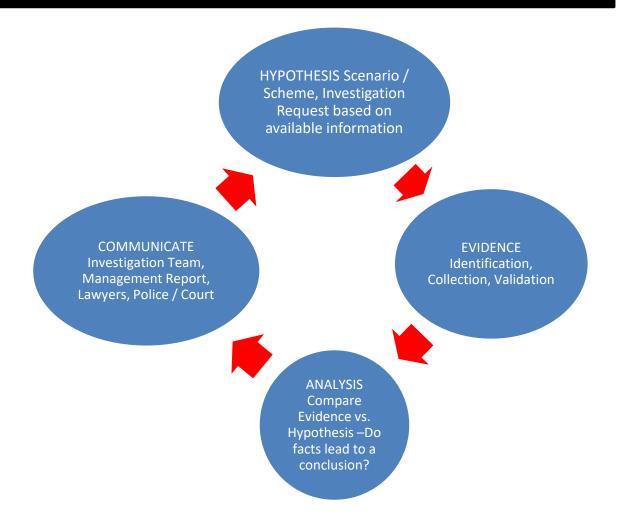
Corruption- Bribery; Illegal Gratuity and Extortion

Financial Statement Fraud

Asset Misappropriation

### Investigation Lifecycle





#### Hypothesis Creation



• Investigation: Assess a specific matter to make a conclusion of its occurrence.

• Confirm that indeed fraud occurred or not. Unlike traditional crime where the suspect is not known, fraud involves a known culprit – **Affix blame.** 

• Mind is ultimate consumers are the courtsbeyond reasonable doubt.

#### Hypothesis Creation



Analyze facts; documents and internal control

Identify any relationships in the information

Identify the type of fraud at hand

• Refine your hypothesis as you continue to gather for evidence.

#### High Risk Areas



• Decoys and Perceptions- Board level

• Distorted data and guided investigation

• Delays and timing on provision of information

Resistance both Internal and External

• Establish early trail of Evidence and exhibits

#### Evidence



• Reliable

• Relevant

• Sufficient

- Original Form
- Avoid recording and information from privileged persons(Divorce)

#### Form of Evidence



• Manual or Digital - all are MFIs

Manual is easily observed; examined; found; traced

Digital: Needs imaging; tracing source and analytical tools.

• Circumstantial or Direct Evidence

#### Documents – High Risk Areas



- Relationships within the data-Use of Analytics.
- Pages in the document
- Alteration
- Common Errors
- Similar Pen
- Physical Addresses
- Ability to trace
- Similar hand writing

#### Documents





# VIP graft case stalls as key files vanish



#### Evidence Gathering - Interviews



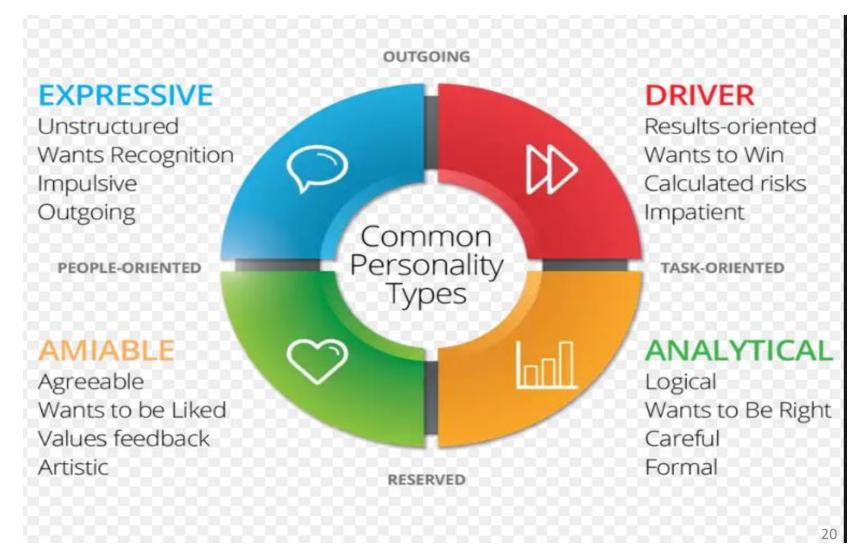
 Gather Evidence from the least culpable to the Suspect

Consider legal consideration and resistance

 Understand yourself – your strengths and weaknesses

#### Conducting Interviews-Personalities





### Conducting Interviews



□ Self Awareness

□ Social Awareness

□ Relationship Awareness

- □Social Relationship
- Concept by: Daniel Goleman



#### Conducting Interviews

Emotional Intelligence: There are four

Personalities:

 $\square$ Red(Chlo)

 $\Box$ Green(Mels)

☐Yellow(San)

□Blue (Phlegs)



#### Interviewing Questions

Introductory and Information Questions

Assessment Questions

Admission Seeking Questions

#### Interviews- What to consider

Expression

Ritual

Therapy

Persuasion



#### Inhibitors of Interviews

- Time
- Ego threat
- Disapproval
- Loss of status
- Regression
- Altruism
- Avoid titles
- Sympathy

# CPAK Uphold Public Interest

#### How to Evade

- Forgetfulness
- Trauma
- Confusion
- Be Hostile
- Limited and Selective Knowledge
- Busy / No time

## Dealing with Hostile Witness



#### You're hostile witness, PIC tells Kimunya

Feb. 18, 2014, 12:00 am By DAVID MWERE





# Questions and What to avoid

- Closed Questions
- Leverage on Continuous Discussion
- Use hypothetical Questioning
- Body emotions
- Correct and Good
- Reluctance to end an interview
- Overly good titles
- Emotions and Opinions



#### High risk Areas-Interviewing

- Legal Requirements
- Deal with deception
- False imprisonment
- Recording
- Dealing with resistance
- Dealing with your Own emotions

#### Conducting Interviews



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- ☐ Kinetics;
- ☐ Proxemics;

- ☐ Chromatics;
- ☐ Use of therapy and catharsis is important

## Conducting Interviews



☐ Increase altruism effects and reason out

- □Check out on the space and meeting area
- □Changes in behaviour- sweating; crying;
- □ Selective amnesia

### Investigation report



- Factual
- Address the specific matter
- No opinions
- Facts only
- Have Exhibits
- No comments on Internal Controls
- Admissibility of you as a person



#### Words to Avoid

- Investigate
- Audit
- Embezzlement
- Are you sure?
- Why did you do it

## Q and A







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