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Detective: My Passion

**Introduction**

My career goal is to become a detective because I want to serve the innocent people who are blamed for the crimes that they did not have even committed. According to Lapan et al, “Children develop their interests in careers and future education if they perform the practices in their schools and make decisions during the transition period of career exploration”(Lapan et al. 161). Every child develops a thought about his/her career job, which he/she would be performing after 20 or 23 years during his developmental stages at school and home. I was keenly interested in watching documentaries of crime scenes and investigation which took place in my brain and dream list, that I am going to be performing the same job in future. While watching these documentaries, they made me develop the critical analysis ability and day by day, I got interested about them. Apart from watching documentaries, there were few societies at my school, which were tackling the student’s issues and I was selected as a team leader for one of the societies. The selection of each member was according to the critical analysis skills and personality characteristics so that the team would analyze and investigate the issues. A detective does the same, critical analysis and investigation of the crimes solves the crime scenes on time, and provides justice to innocent people. According to Fahsing, Ivar and Karl, “The experiences which detective possess are helpful for the investigation of the crime scenes and their expertise are necessary because of the requirement of the job” (Fahsing and Ask). Possessing experiences and involvement in the investigation team has developed my expertise, while these can be in the interest of my career as a detective. To become a detective after 12 years is my dream job because this is what I am interested in.

According to Hooley and Tristram, “The innovative technology and internet has helped people to gain knowledge, and develop skills which they need to track a career in an effective way” (Hooley). To develop an interest in the career of detective and to gain skills, online sources have played a role, while there is a source, which I often visited is detectives and criminal Investigators. The source police officer or detective shows, “The requirements for a detective and there is information about the areas and interests of detectives and the skills required for a detective”(“Police Officer or Detective”). This is a reliable source for the skills and information about careers, which are related to the detectives.

**Discussion**

*Duties:*

The source, which I visited, there is information about the duties of the detectives, and it has information about the similar careers, can be chosen and the skills which can be helpful for a career of a detective. According to Bazley, Lersch, and Mieczkowski, “The detectives and the police have roles to perform and they deal with the suspect who commit the suicide and the investigate the crimes” (Bazley et al.). This source is helpful to plan for the job of a detective and the duties of a detective mentioned on the source are to investigate the crimes, problem-solving, and work for the public and critical thinking. The duty, which I like, is to investigate the crimes and I can fulfil this duty, however, the area, which needs to be developed, is to enhance the problem-solving skill. I have experience of the investigation team, which has already enhanced my skills in this career, so it can be considered that this will help in the job seeking. In school we as the team investigated the student’s issues, sometimes we solved the fights and we also solved a crime of stabbing of a junior by her colleague.

*Typical workday and Environment:*

The work environment of a detective is to collect information about the cases, crime investigation, problem solving, documentation and recording of the information and working for the public by direct relation and direct involvement with the public. These roles are particular to the environment of the workday and environment of the workplace of a detective. However, there are some pros and cons to these roles. The positive aspect of this job nature is that they are directly involved with the public and they also interview the suspects and witnesses, then they prepare a report regarding the case and share it to the court to testify it. While there may be some cons of the job environment and they are; the detective has to work under pressure which will affect him/her psychologically and they may sometimes take wrong decisions under pressure. The detectives interview the suspects which are a threat because the suspects can act unexpectedly and may harm the detective officer. This is a difficult task by getting directly involved with the suspects. For me, there is a little need to be brave, but it is never a tough job if one gets trained and experiences these kinds of working days in routine. This will suit my personality because I have developed the nature of an investigator and I have some characteristics like critical thinking and dealing with the public.

*Education and qualifications:*

 The education required to be eligible for a detective is to have at least degree for a high school or a graduation degree from any of department which offers the required degree. For the citizens of the United States, the age limit is 21 years, driving license, physical test and those appearing for the test have to go through some interviews to detect lies and drugs tests. Failure in any series of test may disqualify the candidate applying for the job and they would not be allowed to reappear for the tests. My education plan is to continue at LaGuardia Community College and then transfer me to any international school to pursue my degree to become a detective. However, I would not be able to pay the tuition fee and living charges in any international country and the culture shock will make an impact on my learning behaviour after having exposure to international students having various cultural backgrounds, and new places.

*Impact of technology:*

 My interest was developed by the television documentaries but the source which I accessed was more interesting with complete information on it regarding the detective’s job and this is an advantage of technology that it is providing enough information. According to Zoutendijk, “ we have got access to the innovative technology and there are several technologies from where we can have access to information according to our choices, and these technologies are making an impact on our minds and change our decision” (Zoutendijk 5). The information which I got to access via technological device made an impact on my decisions and it attracted me towards the career of detective. The technology is still improving, and the detective work also needs to adopt the new technology the lie detector is the latest technology which is used by the detective while interviewing the suspects and it detects whether the suspect is lying or not. The future will be more advanced like there will be more technological devices which will be used for the criminal investigation and detection

*Occupational outlook:*

 As compared to other careers this is a field of my choice because this career is meant to serve people and help them. People desire for security and protection, and there is a dire need of protection and security systems to secure lives, therefore this is not going to shrink because the crime rate is also increasing with the population. The projections can vary because every state offer different training and they have their degree requirements. However, this can make an impact on my decisions because our education system and the international requirements differ from our systems.

*Compensation:*

 The detective career offers a good salary including the insurances and medical services, while the full salary range for a detective is 74,300$ 034. The salary range is satisfying and the benefit a detective can have is the insurances being offered to the detectives. There are career advancements like the use of the latest technology in the investigation of crimes and the advanced documentation processes. I will learn new technological uses to enhance my skills in the career of detective and this will let me earn a satisfying salary and it will be fulfilling the needs of my family as well.

*Similar occupations:*

 The similar job occupation can be a police officer and both, police and the detective have similar job nature, and both provide security and protection to people if I am unable to pass the series of tests for a detective, then I would be applying for the career in the police department.

**Conclusion**

The world is moving toward the new trends in the technology, where our decisions are changed daily but sometimes these decisions become our career and dream. I used to dream for a career in detective in New York and the technology lead me to pursue my career by giving information about my field of interest. The technological devices have helped me to developed my objectives and interest towards the detective officer, so that I would serve and help people. While detective officers serve people by providing security and protection, they investigate the crimes and provide justice to innocent people. Sometimes they risk their lives by directly getting involved with the suspects during the crime scenes, and to encounter with the crime scenes one has to be powerful and energetic, whether it is psychological or it is physical health.

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