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Eyewitness identification, which is by no means consistently reliable, has been used as one of main means of prosecuting evidence against the accused for centuries. Generally, live lineups don't seem to be more likely to produce accurate identifications than showups and photo identifications. Experimental studies show that witnesses who have a chance to view the actual perpetrator aren't more likely to make an accurate identification when they see the suspect in a lineup rather than in another type of pretrial identification procedure. Eyewitness misidentification is the greatest contributing factor to wrongful convictions proven by DNA testing, playing a role in more than 70% of convictions overturned through DNA testing nationwide. A witness is someone who has, who claims to have, or is thought, by someone with authority to compel testimony, to have knowledge relevant to an event or other matter of interest. In law a witness is someone who, either voluntarily or under compulsion, provides testimonial evidence, either oral or written, of what he or she knows or claims to know about the matter before some official ...