

Investigative hypothesis

Abstract

This thesis deals with the topic of investigative hypothesis as a part of criminalistic science and a method of criminalistic practice. The aim of the thesis is to provide a thorough definition and essence of investigative hypothesis, to describe their types, creation, process of verification and proving of versions and last but not least to show their practical significance and use on real criminal cases. The thesis uses the methods of descriptive analysis, comparison and interpretation.

In the first chapter of the thesis, the concept of criminalistic versions itself is examined in detail, first through its systematic classification, then through an analysis of its definition put forward by some of the most important figures in criminalistics. Furthermore, the first chapter is devoted to a brief analysis of the concept of the term hypothesis and its relevance to investigative hypothesis. The thesis then goes on to explore the concept further by comparing the method of creating investigative hypothesis with behavioural analysis (criminal profiling) as a method of constructing a profile of an offender.

The subject of the second chapter of the thesis is then concerned with the possible ways of dividing investigative hypothesis and their different types. A part of this chapter is also focused on typical hypothesis.

The third chapter of this thesis then deals with the process of creating investigative hypothesis and the individual stages of their creation. This chapter of the thesis touches more closely on some practical aspects related, for example, to recognizing the relevance of the collected material about a criminally relevant event or the proper way of securing it.

The following chapter then focuses on the issues of verification and proof of hypothesis, as necessary components of working with investigative hypothesis for their usability in criminal proceedings.

The final chapter of the thesis contains a discussion of the practical significance of investigative hypothesis and an analysis of real criminal cases, which should point out the various aspects of the use of investigative hypothesis in criminal practice, in an attempt to highlight the advantages and various pitfalls of the application of this method.

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