

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with the legal and criminalistic aspects of crime scene investigation in criminal proceedings. This method is specified in the current legal regulation of section 113, Act No. 141/1961 Coll., Czech Criminal Procedure Code. Crime scene investigation is one of the basic procedural acts, which often provides the only information about the investigated crime. Further, this special method provides key evidence leading ultimately to a final decision in the criminal proceedings. There are high demands on criminal authorities to investigate the crime scene. A possible misconduct could lead to the unusability of the investigation of crime scene as evidence in criminal proceedings. This is also highlighted by the nature of investigation of crime scene as an urgent and unrepeatable act.

The text of this diploma thesis consists of three chapters. In the first chapter, there is a general definition of crime scene investigation, its basic characteristics and principles. The following is a brief definition of the legal interpretation and a comparison to the upcoming version of criminal procedure code. The content of the other chapters are criminalistic-tactical principles applied in the actual investigation of the crime scene, from security measures to the investigation of crime scene itself. This chapter is then followed by the requisites of documentation.

The subject of the next part is an insight into the everyday activities of criminal authorities. The findings are reflected by semi-structured interviews with individual criminal authorities. It also includes the definition of basic problematic aspects and their further research. The last part is dedicated to a proposal of possible improvements to the existing legislation.

In particular, the descriptive and analytical method is used in the diploma thesis. Furthermore, a comparison of domestic and foreign professional literature is demonstrated. Last but not least, a qualitative research method consisting of semi-structured interviews was applied and the results are reflected in the practical part of this thesis.

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