

Methodology of Investigation of Murders

Abstract

This thesis examined methodology of investigation of murders. As this is a very broad topic, the focus was on selected aspects of the investigation methodology. The introduction of the thesis was devoted to murder from the perspective of law and its comparison with the crime of killing and murder of a newborn child by the mother. The nuances that differentiate them are discussed there. The second chapter focuses on the criminological characteristics of murder. It provides the reader with an insight into the characteristics of the perpetrators of murder and who the victims most often are.

The following chapters deal with the individual components of the methodology itself. They describe typical clues as well as investigative situations that criminologists most often encounter in practice. Attention is also paid to the methods of crime scene examination, examination of a corpse and forensic examination.

The eighth chapter discusses the planning and organisation of the investigation and the way in which criminal investigators construct versions based on the evidence and clues found, which are then tested.

The penultimate chapter describes the peculiarities of subsequent investigative and search operations. In particular, this includes the interrogation of the accused and the witnesses. The focus here is also on recognition, used to identify persons and things and to reconstruct the crime. This involves recreating the material conditions at the crime scene and therefore verifying the testimony of the witness, the accused or the co-accused.

The thesis concludes with a brief description of new methods that are applicable to murder investigations. In particular, it focuses on artificial intelligence, its benefits, but also the risks associated with its use.

The method of analysis of available literary sources was used during the writing of this thesis. Furthermore, the descriptive and comparative method was used.

The aim of the thesis was to provide a concise, but still as comprehensive view of the methodology of murder investigation as possible.

Key words

murder, methodology, investigation