

The role of modus operandi in criminalistics

Abstract

The reflection of a person's personality can be observed in every single one of his actions and criminal activity is no exception. The modus operandi of a crime is currently a very neglected topic within the professional public. The aim of this diploma thesis is to describe in detail the concept of *modus operandi of a crime* and to outline its criminal significance. The secondary goal of the thesis is then to show in practical cases whether the assumption of perseverance of the offender is true. The thesis is divided into two parts - theoretical and practical. The theoretical part deals with the history of the perception of this issue by criminologists across the centuries, the very definition of the term *modus operandi of a crime*, its systematic classification, its definition and its possible understanding in other fields and countries. It also describes the components of the modus operandi of a crime and their possible division, discusses the determinants of modus operandi of a crime, both subjective and objective, and the mechanisms that contribute to the formation of modus operandi a crime. The last chapter, the fourth chapter, of the theoretical part deals with the possible importance of modus operandi of a crime for criminalistics, namely the importance for investigative versions, forensic identification, forensic records, investigation methodology, crime prevention, behavioral analysis and includes a short excursion on the importance of the modus operandi in related fields, ie criminal law and criminology.

The practical part, the fifth chapter, describes in detail the acts committed by three offenders. Based on the method of committing individual crimes, in conjunction with theoretical knowledge of subjective determinants, assumptions about the person of the offender were created in this part, which were subsequently confirmed according to the available information from the file materials. In its conclusion, the work summarizes the findings.

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