

Criminalistic theory of victims of crime

Abstract

This thesis focuses on learning about victims of crime. The aim is to present the doctrine of victims called victimology with a particular focus on criminalistic victimology. The content is divided into four major chapters. The first chapter is devoted to general victimology and explains the key concepts of this field, emphasizing their criminalistic use. Moreover, the chapter discusses the position and classification of this field of science among other disciplines, provides a brief historical insight into the development of this discipline, and finally presents ways of caring for victims of crime. The second chapter focuses on crime reporting from the perspective of the victim. First, it deals with the internal processes that the victim experiences after primary victimization, then lists the factors that motivate or discourage the victim from reporting crime, including potential fear of secondary victimization. The third chapter deals with the role of the victim in the investigation of criminal offenses, especially in the conduct of investigative acts. The victim interrogation and its specifics from the point of view of criminology, psychology and criminal law, as well as recognition and confrontation are discussed in detail in this chapter. Furthermore, the third chapter also deals with the issue of expert examination of the victim's credibility and its controversial relevance and presents some principles for the conduct of law enforcement authorities towards the victim. The fourth chapter focuses on the victims of selected violent crimes, i.e., victims of murder, sexual crime and robbery. This chapter presents the investigation of the mentioned crimes from the perspective of criminalistic tactics and methodology. Criminalistic, psychological and statistical knowledge about the victim, which can potentially help in clarifying these crimes, is highlighted.

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of criminalistic victimology, criminalistic knowledge about victims of crime in this paper is complemented with knowledge from other scientific disciplines, especially criminology, psychology and criminal law.

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