

Methodology for investigation of sex crimes (selected issues)

Abstract

This diploma thesis entitled "Methodology of investigation of sex crimes (selected issues)" aims to provide a comprehensive view of specific problems related to the investigation of sex crimes, especially in relation to rape as a typical representative of this group of offenses.

For this purpose, main aspects of historical development of legal regulation of rape, including its current legal regulation and occurrence, are summarized in the first part of this work. Subsequently, the criminalistic characteristics of rape are described, including an analysis of several partial elements like the ways of committing a crime and the personality traits of the perpetrator and the victim. The third to ninth chapters describe peculiarities of components of the investigation methodology in relation to sex crimes. In this part of the work, typical traces and investigative situations, peculiarities of stimuli for investigation or peculiarities of initial and subsequent actions are mentioned, with further focus on interrogation and expertise. The tenth chapter is devoted to specific problems of the investigation of child victims. Here are presented deviations related to the examination of minor witnesses which aim to minimize the risks of secondary victimization associated with the investigation itself and further is described the recommended course of child interrogation in practice. Second part of this chapter contains the empirical research focused on the analysis of investigative files related to cases of rape of minor victims under the age of fifteen. Obtained data are then confronted with the same quantities related to cases of rape in general (including adult victims), on the basis of which conclusions are drawn regarding obvious deviations typical for cases of rape of the mentioned category of minor victims.