

Methodology of rape investigation

Abstract

This diploma thesis called Methodology of rape investigation aims to present a multidisciplinary analysis of selected aspects of rape. The secondary goal is to identify the specific problems accompanying this crime while obtaining knowledge about the methodology of rape investigation. The thesis includes both theoretical and practical elements and is divided into 4 chapters.

The first chapter deals with criminal code aspects, which are representing a necessary part of a theoretical introduction to the issue. It includes the historical development of the legal regulation of rape up to the current definition, where all its features are analyzed with a supplementary interpretation of case law. For inclusion in the European context, the content also includes a description of the rape legislation in selected European countries. The second chapter represents the findings of criminology and criminalistics on the crime of rape. Thus, various typologies of rape are presented, including possible causes regarding the influence of myths. Furthermore, attention is paid to the characteristics of the victim, characteristics of the perpetrator and the typical ways of committing this crime. The third chapter introduces the investigation methodology itself, which presents incentives for investigation, subject of the investigation, typical investigative situations, typical traces, investigative versions and the most frequently used investigative acts. The fourth chapter, which is the most extensive in content, represents the knowledge gained from my own empirical research. Firstly, it places Jičín district in the regional and national context in connection with rape, which is also shown in graphs and charts. Subsequently, it deals with the processing of information obtained through the analysis of court and criminal files, which provide pieces of knowledge on the place and time of commission, perpetrators, victims, investigative acts, evidence and the reasons for postponing the case. This is again supplemented by graphs for lucidity and confronted with the experience of the crime investigator. In the end, the discovered specific problems are identified, and their solutions are proposed.

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