

Abstract

The thesis is divided into chapters and sections and it deals with the specifics of the child interrogation. The aim of the thesis is to explain the specifics of the interrogation of a child in the criminal proceedings and to explain the main differences between child interrogation and adult interrogation as well as the general approach of an interrogator to a child being a party to the criminal proceedings - particularly being a witness. The aim of the thesis is also to explain the methods of using demonstration aids while interrogating a child. First, it is necessary to define the interrogation itself. Several chosen terms are explained in one of the first sections of the thesis. These terms demonstrate different positions of a child as a party to a criminal proceedings. This section contains also interpretations of particular law regulations. Regarding the interrogation, it focuses on its construction, preparation, tactics and documentation, while special attention is paid to forming a psychological contact with a child during the interrogation. The third, the fourth and the fifth chapters contain the substance of this thesis. The sixth chapter deals with the topic of interrogation of a handicapped child, because they are particularly vulnerable as well and it is not to forget about them. The seventh chapter explains quite broadly the using of demonstration aids (anatomical puppets) while interrogating especially a child victim - their history, their usage by the Police of the Czech Republic, specific principles of their usage and of the manipulation with them.

Methods used in this thesis are analysis, synthesis and descriptive method. Several textbooks, police brochures, other police materials and acts of law were used to write this thesis. Several statements are based directly on the wording of the acts of law.

KEYWORDS

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