

# **Interrogation tactics**

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis processes the topic of interrogation and tactics of its performance from the perspective of criminal law, criminology, and forensic psychology. The emphasis mainly lays on the first two perspectives. On the contrary, the psychology of interrogation is elaborated only in the extent of institutes and information, which are worked with in subsequent parts of the thesis, and which therefore had to be stated in general.

The aim of the diploma thesis is to show the tactical procedures of interrogation in the account of legal norms, criminalistic and psychological recommendations. At the same time, emphasis lays on the comparison of Czech legislation with the French one with a focus on the regulation of interrogation tactics.

The processed information was drawn from Czech and foreign monographs, expert essays, commentaries on specified laws, as well as French and internal case-law. The thesis is enriched of practical examples provided by the interrogator of the National Drug Headquarters and illustrative examples from records of interrogation. The method of analysis, explanation and comparison were used in the processing of sources.

The thesis includes an introduction, four parts and a conclusion. The individual parts are further divided into chapters and two levels of subchapters. Further subdivision is not used to maintain the clear arrangement.

The first part gives a general explanation of the terms used, outlines a view of the interrogation from all three mentioned perspectives, and the psychology of interrogation and testimony. The second part is dominated by a comparison of Czech and French procedural arrangements for interrogation with an emphasis on possible mutual inspiration. The third part is devoted to the interrogation tactics themselves, as it thoroughly describes the tactical procedures for obtaining a true and complete statement. At the same time, the preparation, and a description of the individual phases of the interrogation are included. This third part is the most practical of all, as it includes practical examples from records of interrogation. The diploma thesis is terminated by clarification of the concepts of suggestion and interrogation suggestibility with an emphasis on the risks they pose for obtaining a complete and true statement.

## **Key words**

interrogation, interrogation tactics, suggestion