

# Tactical methods of overcoming false testimony

## Abstract

The topic of this diploma thesis is tactical methods of overcoming false testimony. This diploma thesis aims to map and analyze selected criminal-tactical procedures used to overcome false testimony, as well as some other methods of overcoming false testimony, whether permitted or not, and to define the mechanism of their operation, especially with regard to their use in the Czech Republic. The diploma thesis concludes with a discussion of a specific and controversial tactical procedure used to overcome false testimony, which is the lie detector. The diploma thesis is organized into four chapters and their subchapters.

The first chapter deals with basic terminology and its definition. It defines the concept of interrogation and testimony, false testimony including the manifestations on the basis of which a lie can be detected in a testimony, the concept of credibility and truthfulness, as well as the different types of interrogation according to the classification criteria of complete and credible testimony.

The main topic of the diploma thesis is contained in the second chapter. This chapter defines the mechanism of operation and the essence of the basic tactical interrogation procedure as well as the partial tactical interrogation procedure used to overcome false testimony. The author also reflects on the advantages and disadvantages of each of partial tactical interrogation procedure. Some other methods of overcoming false testimony, whether permitted or not, are defined in the third chapter. John Reid's interrogation technique, the so-called Reid Technique, which is inherently linked to the topic of this diploma thesis, is also defined among the illicit methods of overcoming false testimony.

In the last, fourth chapter, the author discusses a controversial tactical procedure used to overcome false testimony, which is the lie detector. The chapter focuses on its historical origin, its practical implementation and the pitfalls of its use in criminal proceedings.

Finally, the author evaluates the achievement of the set objectives and reflects on the tactics leading to overcoming false testimony.

## Keywords:

false testimony, tactical methods of overcoming false testimony, lie detector