

Methodology of Investigation of Murders

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the investigation of murders, with an emphasis on the development and application of investigation methodology. The first part of the thesis analyzes the Czech legal regulation of crimes against life, thus placing the investigation within the legal framework of the Czech Republic.

The second part examines the definition, systematics, principles of creation, and structure of investigation methodology. Subsequently, it thoroughly dissects individual components of murder investigation methodology and highlights the peculiarities of such investigation. The result is a comprehensive insight into the problematics of murder investigation and a beneficial overview of recommended procedures for investigators and lawyers operating in the field of criminal law.

In the third part of the thesis, special attention is paid to the differences and procedures in investigating murders of a newborn child committed by its mother. The criminal offense of neonaticide encompasses many unique aspects, including psychological, social, and legal questions. Together, these represent a sensitive topic with numerous challenges for law enforcement agencies. The introduction of this part first dissects the factual nature of this criminal offense. Subsequently, it outlines the most common crime scenes and discovery locations of newborn corpses, as well as methods of neonaticide. Emphasis is placed on the importance of cooperation between investigators and medical experts in healthcare and the questions investigators should pose to experts. Specific questions that the suspect should answer during interrogation are also outlined. The final section addresses the most common motivations of perpetrators and proposes possibilities for preventing neonaticides. The theoretical exposition is supported by brief examples from case law. The third part of this thesis contributes to raising awareness of this often overlooked issue.

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