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Abstract

This dissertation deals with reconstruction of criminal offence, its definition, the tactics used and the relevant aspects of the criminal law.

The first chapter is concerned with the term of 'crime reconstruction' and the use of the crime reconstruction, discussing the historical development of crime reconstruction together with the development of the views and opinions dealing with the crime reconstruction.

The second chapter considers specific types of crime reconstruction, that is a reconstruction of criminologically significant crime locations, significant objects and significant signs of a criminal and, finally, the reconstruction of criminologically significant actions and events.

The third chapter deals with the legal aspects of the reconstruction of criminal offence, specifically its embedding in the criminal law.

The fourth chapter discusses the difference between the reconstruction of criminal offence and the other methods of investigation, such as the initial investigation, verification of statements on the site and the inspection of the scene of crime.

The fifth chapter concentrates on the psychological aspects of carrying out the reconstruction of criminal offence. Here I am considering what effect a scene of crime (or the other site where a reconstruction is taking place) can have on a defendant or a witness and I am also looking at the role of psychologist-consultant in the reconstruction process inself, as well as in its preparation and subsequent evaluation.

The sixth chapter discusses the tactics of carrying out a reconstruction of criminal offence. This chapter specifically deals with the preparation, the basic tactical procedures and principles and the individual stages of the reconstruction process.

Chapter seven and eight deal with documenting and evaluating of the reconstruction of criminal offence.

Chapter nine provides a brief description of the use of the reconstruction of criminal offence as part of the methodology concerned with investigating individual types of criminal offences, while chapter ten provides a practical example of carrying out reconstruction of the criminal offence.