

Abstract: Interrogation Tactics

The aim of my diploma thesis is to provide an overview of methods of interrogation. The topic Interrogation Tactics is very broad, so I am especially focusing on the use of tactical procedures in a situation when the person is not willing to testify truthfully.

The thesis is split into 5 key chapters, each of those attempts to summarize the most essential issues within the relevant field.

The first part of this work outlines general aspects and also analyzes problems of examination and statement. This chapter introduces characteristics, definition and representation of interrogation and its legal background. Complete concept of the most common kinds of examinations are also described here.

In order to satisfy the objective of examination, i.e. to get knowledge of relevant facts, thorough and accurate preparation is necessary. Otherwise the examination may not fulfill its task successfully. I focus on that in the second part of this thesis.

In the third chapter called "Interrogation Tactics" I concentrate on the actual practice of interrogation tactics. Attention is paid to the general construction of questioning, i.e. its consecutive phases, and various individual situations that may occur during the interrogation are also discussed. This chapter pursues better understanding of the basic interrogation tactic procedures during the interrogation.

The fourth (and the most crucial) part of my thesis consists of analyzing the specific tactical procedures in response to various interrogation situations. The result intended by interrogation (and also the entire criminal procedure) depends on choosing the right tactical methods. Therefore, it is unnecessary to emphasize that it is really important to pay much attention to that. I primarily focus on tactics applied when the person under interrogation intentionally does not say the truth - because this situation is the most demanding for the interrogator. Choosing the right tactics is essential for the process in its entirety.

In the last part I explain the significance of psychological experience and awareness of the interrogator.

In conclusion there is recapitulation of the thesis where I suggest that new expert literature shall be published in order to introduce some relevant facts. Given the vast scope of this topic on one hand, and with the formal limitations of this work on the other, I have covered only some of the many issues related to the tactics of interrogation. For further explorations of the

problems involved, the reader is advised to consult relevant academic literature as enclosed in the bibliography.