

## **DISSERTATION ABSTRACT**

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### **Camera systems and video records in legal protection of privacy**

The main goal of this dissertation named Camera systems and video records in legal protection of privacy is the basic analysis and familiarization with the highest actual and in the recent time wide-discussed problems. The field of the video surveillance is highly interesting and for the time being by the law science not solved topic. The legal science and practice solve problem belongs to this problematic area often as you go along, often by the application of the more generic rules and therefore the deciding authorities often make the law complete by themselves because the legislator was not able to cover all the possible situations – just because of high actuality and novelty of this topic. This work tries to cover the topics by the relative wide way, from the generic introduction and thematic survey of the right to privacy offers first the concrete work with generic topic of right to privacy in relation to the video records, further focusing on camera systems and the last third of the work focuses on highly modern technologies of using video surveillance and on other methods using video records and snapshots in the area of informatic technologies and further areas of the use. The dissertation is divided among the Introduction (Chapter 1), Conclusion (Chapter 7) and list of the bibliography (Chapter 8) into five basic chapters.

The Chapter 2 discusses the general topic of the protection of the privacy rather without specific and concrete accent on video records and camera systems – there is the basic survey of the legal institute of the privacy, right to the privacy and its protection in this chapter, namely in international, European and national scale.

Chapter 3 deals with the topic of the video records and snapshots, from the general point of view – from the history of keeping of the image turns to the

personal rights according to the valid Civil Code (Act Nr. 40/1964 Coll.) and after description of the legal conception involved in the new civil code deals also in peripheral way with the copyright protection of the video records. In the second half of this charter there is the description of the using the video surveillance during the work of the security bodies – by the Police, by customs authorities and intelligence bodies; there is the short description of the situation regarding the protection of the privacy and of the video surveillance within the Slovak republic at the end of the chapter. The Chapter 3 describe also the possibilities of use of the video records (videos and photographs) within the use of proofs of evidence – within the penal, civil and within the administrative proceedings as well. This theme has been often discussed, although not with the clear and definitive conclusion so far.

As for the Chapter 4 – this charter tries to describe the topic of the camera systems by the very detailed way. This chapter offers the survey of the all basic and known fields of use of camera systems, first the use of the camera systems permitted by the law is described, then the camera systems used by the public authorities, later the topic of the video surveillance on the workplace is discussed. Finally, the further possibilities of the use of camera systems are described – use in children's homes, in healthcare etc. This chapter is one of the main chapters of the dissertation, cameras and camera systems are used in recent time by the various public and private subjects, in very startling and extended way – it is the reason why the dissertation focus on this topic and also the risk and potential threats of massive use of camera systems is mentioned.

Chapter 5, named Video records and information technologies, describes the wide scale of the possibilities of the camera records' use within the field of informatic technologies, namely on Internet and within the social media networks. The information technologies bring among the positive effect also the risk of the misuse, to which this dissertation tries to point out. The common users of the information technologies usually does not pay big attention to the protection of their privacy and namely the video records are often subject of the threats and attacks and the right to privacy of the individuals is often threatened

in this potentially dangerous environment of the modern technologies as Internet or modern smart cell phones and tablets are. There is also the high number of new models of illegal behaviour related to the problematics of the informatic technologies, which were not known in the past, such as cyberstalking, happy slapping, cyber bullying etc. These model ways of the behaviour and using of the new terms is highly actual, by the law and legal science not touched so far.

Chapter 6 focuses on the video surveillance and monitoring of the earth surface, this chapter mentions for instance the problematic introduction and the use of the Google StreetView system, the satellite maps, unmanned aerial surveillance of the surface (namely by the police authorities), airport scanners and other topics.

The dissertation tries to name and specify every single theme and problem, at least via basic way, the dissertation tries to point out on the relevant judicature or expert opinions and news articles on the relevant topic and refers to the topic in general and broad approach. Last two chapters (chapter 5 and chapter 6) are tematically focused on the newest fields of the use of the video surveillance and use of the video records, namely in relation to the development of the modern technologies. Numbers of model stuations and possibilities of the video surveillance has not been known at all, let alone describe by the legal science and by the law. The law can not of course flexibly react without delay on the quick changes caused by the technical development; so that the legal enactment comes logically with some delay. The dissertation tries to point out to all the consequences, also on the risks connected with the use of the modern technologies.

The dissertation belongs by the extent of the themes among the basic field of the civil law also to the field of the constitutional law, penal law, labour law and administrative law. The work tries to offer at least the basic survey of the issues, the dissertation is focused intentionally not only on the field of the civil law.