

ABSTRACT: INTERROGATION TACTICS

The purpose of this diploma thesis is to systematically summarize knowledge and information about fundamental tactics and methods of an interrogation used in interrogation practice. Knowledge of these procedures is necessary for proper execution of an interrogation and also is suitable for legal practice.

The thesis consists of 4 main chapters, each of them deals with relevant issues within the field of an interrogation.

The First chapter „Interrogation as a forensic method“ includes general discussion about an interrogation and a statement such as definitions of basic concepts, definition of a nature and a purpose of an interrogation. In addition to further this chapter also contains analysis and evaluation of Czech legislation governing the interrogation.

The Second chapter „Preparation of an interrogation“ is focused on a preparation of an examiner before an interrogation as one of important elements to successfully realize itself interrogation and to achieve its goals.

The Third Chapter „Interrogation tactics“ first concentrates on particular phases of an interrogation namely an introduction phase, a monologue and a dialogue where emphasize issues of questioning in practice. Attention is also paid to various situations that may occur during interrogations. This part of third chapter should pursue better insight into the procedure of an interrogation. In the following section basic tactics are analyzed according to various interrogation situations.

The fourth last chapter „Psychological effects on falsely telling people“ handles with interrogation situations when people are not willing to testify truthfully. This chapter offers several basic tactics to attain truthful testimony from falsely telling people. These situations are the most difficult for interrogators in achieving the objectives of an interrogation. Choosing the right tactics is essential element to succeed in whole process of an interrogation.

In the conclusion there is a short summary of basic knowledge obtained from the thesis. This thesis cannot cover the whole issue of an interrogation due to limited scope but it captures the most essential knowledge regarding its tactics.