

Abstract

The thesis “Methodology of Investigation of Murders (selected issues)” deals only with the selected aspects of the methodology of this crime. Since the topic is too broad, it is not within the author's possibilities to cover the topic completely while working on this thesis. For this reason, only selected points of view on the investigation of this serious crime are discussed in details.

The thesis is divided into two main chapters. The first chapter is devoted to the introduction to this topic. The initial subchapter provides a wider view of crime murder from the perspective of criminal law. It also describes the legal regulation providing the basic human right, specifically the right to life, as stated in the Czech legal order, including the documents at European or international level as well. The second subchapter deals with the physical as well as fault elements of this crime. The whole chapter is interwoven with historical aspects and background, while the author also comes with the comparison of current legislation with the previous one. The following subchapter contains the comparison of this crime with the similar crimes, particularly manslaughter, infanticide, negligent homicide and also the participation in suicide. In the next section, current statistics about the quantity of murders in our country can be found, as well as the detection of them, the motive of crime and all other aspects.

The second and last major chapter is focused on the methodology of investigation of murders, itself. The introduction of each of the subchapters provides a brief explanation of the general part of criminology, so the thesis is beneficial and also comprehensive to the general public. Subsequently it is devoted to the individual components of the methodology of investigation of this crime.

The first subchapter outlines the classification of methodology of investigation of murders as the special section of criminology, subsequently continues with the description of the criminal characteristic of the crime of murder, which consists of a method of committing (prearranged murder or unprepared murder, committed with weapons or without, division of murders according to the mechanism of killing, according to the method of classification concealment of murders), also the offender's personality, the personality of the victim and the motive.

The following subsections discuss the particularities of the various stages of the investigation process of murders, typical traces, typical situations that arise during the

investigation, peculiarities of the subject of investigation, initiative of investigation, investigative steps and oddities of investigative versions, planning and organization of the investigation.

However, the core of this thesis is the subchapter describing specificities subsequent steps, as per the interrogation of an accused or a witness, reconstruction of the crime of murder, recognition, investigative experiment and ultimately forensic expertise.

The final part presents the question of public involvement in the investigation and forensic prevention.

The last are the examples of criminalistic practice, which are also the complement to the theoretical part.

Murders represent the most serious crimes. They are considered as ethical, moral, social and legal problem. Due to the topicality and the ever-changing features, they deserve the attention of the public as well as the professionals.