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## **THE STRUCTURE OF METHODOLOGY OF INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES RELATED TO OFFICIAL ACTIVITY**

The scientific approaches for determination of structural elements of criminalistic methodology of crimes investigation are analyzed. The author suggests the structure of methodology of investigation of crimes related to official activity.

Criminalistic methodology of crimes investigation is an important and integral tool of pre-trial investigation, because it develops the most rational and optimal methodology for investigating some criminal offenses. However, to fully perform its task, the structure should be logical and meet the basic methodological principles. We consider the need for unification of structure of individual forensic techniques. This allows avoiding a number of inconsistencies and contradictions. That is why we consider it extremely relevant to study the question about the structure methodology of investigation of individual crimes as the example of methodology of crimes investigation in the area of official activity.

The author analyzed large amount of legal literature. This analysis indicated the existence of many unresolved issues. In particular, there is no unambiguous approach to structuring of individual criminalistic methodology of crimes investigation and to division of investiga-

tive process into stages in general and especially for crimes related to official activity.

As a result, the author proposes to allocate the following elements of a separate complex methodology of crime investigation in the area of official activity:

- criminalistic characteristics of crimes in the sphere of official activity;
- collection and verification of primary information about crimes in the sphere of official activity;
- initial stage of the investigation;
- next stage of the investigation;
- features of overt and covert investigative (detective) actions;
- features of overcoming the counteraction to investigation of crimes in the area of official activity.

There is no objection to the assertion of necessity to distinct the structure of consolidated and separate methodologies of crimes investigation. Therefore, when it comes to the structure of methodology of investigation of crimes in sphere of official activity as basic criminalistic methodology, the following elements should be allocated:

- criminalistic classification of crimes in the sphere of official activity and their criminalistic characteristic;

– problem issues of detection and investigation of crimes in the sphere of official activity;

– problem areas of planning and investigation of crimes in sphere of service activity;

– problem aspects of investigation of crimes in the sphere of official activity;

– problem of criminalistic support of investigation of crimes in the sphere of official activity;

– problematic aspects of the application of expert knowledge in the investigation of crimes in the sphere of service activity;

– problems of interaction with other law enforcement, government agencies and non-governmental organizations;

– problems of eliminating counteraction to investigation of crimes in the sphere of official activity.