

## **Usoltsev S. Types of special knowledge used for investigation of illegal handling a weapon, ammunition or explosives**

For the successful disclosure and investigation of crimes to investigators and other participants in the criminal process involved in the investigation, it is necessary to make full use not only of their professional legal, but also various types of knowledge in other fields, that is, special knowledge. We will mark the basic types of the special knowledge that are used in the investigation of illegal handling a weapon, ammunition or explosives.

1. Knowledge in the field of weapons science. It is the major type of the special knowledge that is used for investigation of this category of crimes, as they characterize the article of criminal trespass that, in turn, has a substantial value during qualification of a criminal act and as a constituent of criminalistics description of crime directly.

2. Knowledge in the field of track studies. Since crime is an event of the past, which the investigator did not directly perceive, his knowledge is carried out indirectly, through the discovery and study of the reflections of its individual elements, their properties in the surrounding environment, as systems of objects that carry information about the crime. The actions of the offender to prepare, commit and conceal the crime constitute a complex dynamics of the interaction of material objects, accompanied by the formation of various types of traces, serving as sources of information about the crime and its participants. The task of the subjects involved in the investigation is to identify, extract, and fix traces, and, accordingly, the information they contain.

3. Knowledge of the psychology of criminal activity. Special psychological knowledge plays a considerable role in the investigation of crimes of any kind. During the investigation of this category of crimes, this is, first and foremost, knowledge of the psychologist's identity of the offender and the psychological structure of the criminal act, including the psychology of organized criminal activity.

4. Knowledge of criminological photography and skills of possessing photo-video and computer equipment.

5. Special knowledge of the process of storing, recording and issuing weapons at military facilities, in the bodies and units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as well as skills in weapons handling. This type of special knowledge is needed because the majority of illegal traffic in firearms occurs precisely because of its theft from military and other objects where it is stored. This group includes, first of all, knowledge of statutory legal acts regulating the circulation of weapons in Ukraine. Except for the legislative framework, it is necessary to know the specifics of the activities of the armoured units in relation to the registration, issuance, and write-off of the weapons accounted for by them.

6. Special knowledge in the field of technical examination of documents and handwriting. Knowledge in this field is needed in cases when counterfeit documents were used during the illicit trafficking of weapons, ammunition, and explosives by criminals.

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