

Typical defence strategies and strategies of investigation

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In research conducted by the author defence strategies of perpetrators of murder, robbery, rape and burglary were analysed. It was proved that offenders develop typical defence strategies according to available evidence, legal position of offender, type of criminal offence, time, rationalisation and other psychological factors as well as offender's assessment of a situation. These strategies may change during the pre-trial and trial procedure. It is important that, having these typical strategies of defence in mind, the police and investigators can predict problems in the future investigation develop corresponding strategy and therefore avoid possible mistakes. Reflexive thinking, theory of war games or chess, criminal profiling etc. can be important tools for investigators in creating and using successful strategies of investigation. In practical work, police officers and investigators rarely analyse the investigative situation according to the above mentioned elements but act rather intuitively or routinely.

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