

Chipets O.I. Scientific approaches to determination of ways of illegal movement of firearms. This article examines the ways of committing crimes, connected with illegal movement of firearms as an element of criminalistic characteristics of them.

Analysis of modern forensic investigative practices allowed the author to determine that the illegal movement of firearms should be seen as a system of actions on preparation, committing and concealment, which are united by a common intent and is due to the form of the implementation of the crime, which is caused by environmental conditions, the object of a criminal assault and psychophysical properties of the individual.

The most common methods of illegal movement of firearms are: Methods of transport preparation: a) choice of transport which will move a firearm; b) forgery (which mask a firearm, conceal the identity of the sender (carrier), etc.); c) prepare a masking means (dummies, crates, boxes, etc.); g) the location of the weapons cache in the transport; d) the study of route of transport; e) a test of departure of minor parts of arms; (e) the study of the activities of the inspection of the goods; g) the search of persons (usually of an older age, or the disabled who are exempted from criminal liability), which for a fee will agree to carry goods (firearms), etc.

The methods for the movement of firearms include the following: a) with the transport trains, ships and aircraft among the cargo is carefully concealed weapon. Weapons can be placed in specially equipped hiding place or reside in inaccessible places of the vehicle; b) by mail. Most popular today are the following mail carriers: «Ukrpochta», «New mail», «In time», «Delivery» etc.; c) moving personally in hand Luggage, in a suitcase, under the clothes, in the objects-stashes, boxes, etc.; g) using the Internet. Today, you can find travel companions to travel great distances in the territory of Ukraine. One of the most famous sites for travel companions is "blablacar.com.ua". Legal scheme of arrangements for travel as follows: a) drivers shall publish the route of the trip, putting the price per unit; b) passengers find drivers and book a place in the car;) the companions are traveling together, sharing fuel costs and etc.

The ways of concealing crimes aimed at the destruction of the traces: a) which left the metal parts of firearms, gun oil, powder gases; b) clothes; c) masking means; d) forged documents etc.

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