Buzhdyhanchuk Ye. Yu. Situation of crime as an element of forensic description of pimping committed by organized group. The article deals with some aspects of the pimping investigation by an organized group. The crime situation as the element of the criminalistic characteristic of this offence is examined, and its relation with other elements is examined too.

The author emphasizes that the crime scene is a broad concept that includes a number of elements that characterize the environment in which a socially dangerous act is committed. They must always identify the time, place and conditions of the crime that are relevant to his full investigation. The crime scene should be investigated from different directions. In particular, on the one hand, as the geographical spread of the investigated criminal offense, on the other - the specific place of its commission. The location of the pimping is part of the event. It contains a large amount of information about the mode of commission of a criminal offense, certain data about the identity of the offender.

On the basis of the investigation of materials of criminal proceedings the author has identified the following places of committing pimping by an organized group: 1) recreation establishments (of which: night clubs, cafes, bars, restaurants); 2) weekend or vacation establishments (of which: recreation centers, hotels, "rental" apartments); 3) facilities for sports and wellness (of which: spas, massage rooms, wellness centers); 4) the place of residence of the "client" (of which: apartments, houses, holiday cooperatives); 5) vehicles; 6) other places.

It has been noted that the frequency of pimping by an organized group depends on the time of day as follows: about 7% are done in the morning (from 6 to 12 hours); 14% - in the afternoon (from 12 to 18 hours); 42% - in the evening (from 18 to 24 hours); 37% - at night (1 to 6 hours). And according to the criterion of the season, these actions are performed in the summer in 22% of cases; in the fall - 25%; in winter - 21%; in the spring - 32%. Also important are the conditions of the criminal offense under investigation.

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