

Oleksandr S. Sainchin. Theory and History Development of Criminal Investigations abroad. In the conditions of formation and development of new socio-economic relations, reformation of legislative state structures, executive and judicial power, the task of creating a legal basis for law strengthening and the law enforcement activity improving arises. The legal sciences should develop and form the state-hood and lawfulness legal basis of law-enforcement activity, aimed to reliable protection of constitutional rights and legitimate interests of citizens, public formations and state structures of Ukraine.

Criminalistics equips law enforcement officers with effective methods and means of detecting and investigating crimes, which promotes the principle of the inevitability of punishment, the objective use of criminal law and preventive influence.

Recently, Ukraine has been paying special attention to the law enforcement agencies activities improving and strengthening the scientific and technical base for combating crime in general, and organized in particular. The current level of criminalistics science and the scientific and technical potential of the natural and technical sciences, allowing prosecutors, internal affairs, security and court authorities to prevent, suspend and investigate very complex crimes, thereby contributing to the solution of one of the main tasks – strengthening law and order in Ukraine .

Criminalistics science is a legal science that has emerged in the criminal process depths in the last century as a set of technical means and tactical techniques, as well as ways of using them for disclosure and investigation. The article further investigates the problems of criminalistics theory and history in some countries of Europe, USA, and England. The overall purpose of this analysis is to investigate how the development of criminalistics outside our country, their problems, and most importantly, to reach a conclusion about the need for restructuring (or sufficiency) of criminalistics methods and expert research system.

The study deals exclusively with the theory and history of scientific knowledge development in criminalistics outside our country, to identify the positive features of its modern development and extrapolation to the conditions of our science, which serves as a specific tool in investigating crimes and identifying the perpetrators. In the next study, it is planned to offer a discussion among scholars and practitioners involved in crime investigations about the contemporary achievements possible implementation of our criminalistics colleagues abroad.

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