Anton I. Lisnyak. Essence and system of forensic description of mass rebellions. The article covers some aspects of the investigation of mass riots. The essence and system of forensic characterization of the specified actions for their faster and more effective investigation are considered.

It is noted that a criminal offense has a large number of characteristics, which in criminology are systematized in such a scientific category as «forensic characteristics». For half a century the criminological characteristic has entered into a technique of investigation of criminal offenses as a stable element.

With regard to mass riots, it should be emphasized that the investigation of these acts has important features, which, inter alia, are related to the study of a certain category.

The position of the authors is supported, who believe that for police officers who are directly involved in the investigation, the most important thing is the practical application of a tool that will help in the investigation process. That is, the real value of the forensic characterization of a particular type of crime is the possibility of its practical application, the ability to resolve certain issues in view of it and, of course, the ability to make it to investigate certain categories of crimes faster and more efficient. At the same time, the use of such an information system requires in each case to identify a key element through which you can make a «login» to the system in order to obtain the necessary information. The selection of a key element for a particular case depends on the investigative situation at this stage of the investigation.

The author concludes that a forensic characterization is a system of information about forensically significant features of criminally punishable acts of a certain type, which reflects the legitimate links be-tween them and serves to build and verify investigative versions during their investigation. The system of forensic characteristics of mass riots includes the following elements: the method of committing a criminal offense; the situation of mass riots; the subject of the criminal act; traces of the offense; the identity of the victim; the identity of the offender.

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