

Maryna O. Voloshyna. Promising directions of scientific research on the issues of operational-search combatting mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine. The article deals with issues of scientific elaboration of the problems of counteracting mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine and the main directions of their scientific research. The article analyzes the main provisions of modern scientific developments in the field of criminal law, criminology, criminalistics, the theory of operational-search activity. The author, based on the analysis of existing points of view, the results of personal research, expresses his attitude to the aforementioned issue and proposes qualitatively new approaches to defining promising areas of scientific research on the issues of operational-search counteraction to mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine. It is determined that the purpose of the article is to analyze the current state of scientific development of problems of operational and investigative counteraction to mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine and outline promising areas of research on operational and investigative counteraction to mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine in modern conditions.

In the article the author analyzes in detail the scientific works of domestic scientists of different times on various aspects of combating mercenary and violent crime. In particular, issues of criminal law, criminology, forensic, criminal procedure and operational and investigative nature are studied. It is noted that in the territory of independent Ukraine a large number of scientists have studied the problematic issues of operational and investigative counteraction to mercenary and violent crimes both at the level of dissertations and at the level of scientific articles and textbooks.

The author argues that the study of dissertations and monographs in recent years indicates a lack of general theoretical and organizational and tactical issues of operational and investigative counteraction to mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine. Today remain: undefined and undeveloped: issues of normative-legal regulation of operative-search counteraction to mercenary-violent crimes; determining the features of operational and investigative characteristics of mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine; content and directions of improvement of information-analytical support of operative-search counteraction to mercenary-violent crimes; directions of internal and external cooperation of the National Police units in combating mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine; tactical features of operational and investigative measures to combat mercenary and violent crimes in Ukraine, etc.

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