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### **Features of Fixing Evidence of Involvement in Prostitution by Operational Units**

Prostitution is rightly considered one of the oldest professions in the world. Attitude to it is quite ambiguous, but generally negative and dismissive, because it has a devastating impact on human morals. In addition, significant damage is done to physical and mental health of persons involved in the provision of sexual services. Danger of activities associated with prostitution lies in the fact that it inflicts a crushing blow to the nation's gene pool.

The urgency of the problem of combating crimes against morality in Ukraine highlights the fact that every year we register hundreds of cases of pimping or involvement of persons in prostitution: 2008 – 317; 2009 – 259; 2010 – 264; 2011 – 266; 2012 – 182; 2013 – 370, 2014 – 303. It is also necessary to consider that such crimes have a high level of latency and as a result, law enforcement officers become aware of not all cases of crime. In addition, today the country faces institutional and legal changes in the work of law enforcement agencies affecting existing practices of detection and investigation of crimes.

It justifies setting the goal for us to develop proposals for the operational units to improve the work on fixing evidence for the involvement of persons in prostitution. The specified area of work is the responsibility of the internal affairs operational units of Ukraine. The article provides recommendations to law enforcement agencies to implement operational investigation activity in combating the involvement of a person in prostitution. The author defines the object of evidence fixation of the crime.

The expressed proposals for fixing features of evidence of the involvement of a person in prostitution may assist operational units' personnel of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in combating crimes against morals. The results of the research could form the basis of future scientific developments in this field.

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