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### **The Peculiarities of Interrogating a Person Suspected of Illegal Actions with the Equipment Used for Manufacturing Drugs and Psychotropic Substances**

In the article some tactical peculiarities of interrogation of a person suspected of illegal actions with the equipment used for drugs and psychotropic substances manufacturing are disclosed. Special attention is paid to determination of question list requiring to be established during performance of this investigative action and also some proposals aimed at improving its efficiency are conducted.

Generalization of these views and examination of forensic and investigative practices gives reason to confirm that all questions which require clarification during the interrogation of a subject, are conditionally divided in a few blocks (parts):

1. Information about suspect and its lifestyle (family, education, friends, conditions of upbringing, drug abuse links, attitude to drug abuse).

2. Information about involvement of a person into illegal drug manufacturing and seizure of manufacturing equipment: who the initiator of illegal drug manufacturing is:

who owns seized drugs, raw materials, precursors, chemicals, another seized items, things, clothes etc.;

where it was purchased;

who owns seized equipment for manufacturing and another items used for drugs manufacturing, its purpose;

when, who, in what circumstances, how many and for what purpose the equipment, subsidiary materials and chemicals were purchased;

how the delivery of equipment for drug manufacturing was performed?

who the initiator of drugs manufacturing is;

for how long, to whom, for what purpose, how many and what exactly was manufactured with the use of this equipment;

does the suspect have special knowledge in chemistry, pharmacology or another branches of knowledge that can be used in drug manufacturing technology?

who has instructed to manufacture the drugs (where was the technology of its manufacturing taken from), what technical and chemical sources were laid in basis of manufacturing technology?

what technology was used and in what way were the drugs manufactured, what initial raw material, precursors and chemicals were used?

what ways of criminal acts concealment related to drug manufacturing were used?

who is the distributor of prepared drugs? To whom, when and how many prepared drugs were supplied, who took part in its realization and for what price?

for what purposes the received money were used?

what was the role of the suspect in crime commission in the sphere of drug turnover (organizer, performer, “blind” user etc. )?

who is the owner of premises (car), where the equipment for drug manufacturing was detected?

3. Another information about criminal activity:

how was the money gotten from drugs selling manufactured by equipment received and converted?

what bank terminals were used for this?

for what purposes the received money were used?

how the money were distributed between crime participants and what was the suspect’s role?

what ways were used for concealment of criminal activity: conspiracy, presence of cash, imitation of legal activity?

were there any representatives of law enforcement bodies to cover the criminal activity, any corruption cases to be revealed?

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