

**KNIVES AS THE SUBJECT OF ARTICLE 263 OF  
UKRAINIAN CRIMINAL CODE**

This theme actual now cause of social and economic changes in Ukraine. We have escalation of criminal and growing of crime's rate.

Organized crime groups set the main place in the structure of crime. They are well technically equipped, have plenty of weapons.

Criminal's aggression increases. It expresses in the growing of specially dangerous crimes such as gangs, murders, robbery etc..

We have many types of knives from variety of countries in our stores. Unfortunately they have no valid permissions and certificates.

So, requirement in special knowledge doesn't limit the crime's investigation sphere only. The testing is main part also.

Knives can be a subject of crime according to Part 2 Article 263 of Criminal Code of Ukraine.

According to the «Methodology forensic investigation knives and structurally similar to its products» knives considered as objects and devices which constructively designed and suitable for repeated severe (life-threatening at the time causing) and fatal injuries (hereinafter - «hit the target»), which are based on the use of human muscle strength.

Do not refer to knives products for house hold, industrial, sports and other purposes that are similar to knives for its form and / or structurally, but have not then tirese to fessential features of in herent cold weapons, in particular, do not relate to knives sports in ventory, souvenir and faken ature that differ significantly in the irability to hit a targetin comparis on to their fightin gorhunting closest counter parts.

Legisla to run derstands the term knivesas daggers, Finnish knivesas a kindof bladed weapons with piercing-cutting action. Which are characterized by the handle with a bumper that limits theen tryof a knife in to the body and blade with specific form. Adagger - a long, narrow, sharpened on both sides,tapering to the

end, tipped; Finnish knife («Finn») - a short, thick, sharpened on one side and a curved end narrowed at the side.

Brass knuckles - the kind of impact knives. It is a metal plate that is worn on fingers and pressed into a fist, with holes for fingers and lugs, which are the points of impact. Another melee weapon - any items that are specifically designed or adapted for causing bodily harm. There is long-blade weapon (saber, sword), throwing guns (boomerang, spear, sling, bow, crossbow), shocking accessories (nunchaku, mace), chopping items (tomahawk, battleaxes).

The question of attribution of certain items to certain weapons is decided on the basis of objective and subjective criteria. For the objective features weapons are items that can cause damage to human life and health, taking into account their shape, weight, durability (particularly the hardness of the material of which the impact parts are made of) design features. Subjectively, they are designed to increase manpower - damage to the body of another person, that should not have other purposes - commercial, household, sport, ritual and soon. The question of recognition of objects as «dual» purpose weapons - for example, a bow that can be sports equipment and hunting weapon and thing intended to cause at least bodily injury, - decided taking into account the purpose of acts committed with such objects.

So we can summarize all of the foregoing and can make a conclusion that a problem of assignment of an object to knives is an improper investigation of all types of knives, which cause illegal importation of it into Ukraine and adequate inspection and certification of such products