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Public Calls for Terrorist Acts: Establishment of the Criminal Offence Fact

Intensification of terrorist activity in Ukraine is strongly promoted through controversial calls voiced by politicians, members of illegal military formations.

Article reveals the ways of proving the pro-terrorist public call fact occurred in the course of pre-trial investigation. Article identifies types of procedural actions required to be taken to ensure collection of evidence for manufacturing, storage and distribution along with making pro-terrorist public calls. Attention is paid to collection of evidence for public calls distribution in Internet.

Author identifies items and information which can be used as evidence in criminal proceeding on pro-terrorist public calls: 1) items containing the abovementioned information (cards, manuscripts, banners, advertisements, articles, newspapers, etc.); 2) electronic data (video- and audiomessages posted in Internet and distributed via TV and radio broadcast, SMS, etc.); 3) items used to produce or store items or electronic data (computers and accessories, smartphones, printers, copying machines, videocameras, USB-sticks, voice recorders); 4) traces left by persons involved in illegal activity (fingerprints and microtraces found in premises used for relevant items manufacturing, storage and distribution); 5) witnesses' statements; 6) examination results; 7) information contained in videosurveillance equipment installed in premises of enterprises, organizations and in private residences including car dash cameras; 8) information traces left during creation and distribution of works; 9) other information collected in the course of carrying out (covert) investigative actions

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