

Summary

The presented PhD thesis consists of two parts. The first of these presents the theoretical background of the conducted research, covers thematic issues related to firearms, legal and forensic issues. The latter relate to the manner of conducting procedural proceedings in cases of murder, suicide, unfortunate accident using firearms. Particular attention was paid to the question of whether a crime was committed using a firearm. As part of forensic issues, reference was made to the incident site, both tactical and technical. The second part of the dissertation refers directly to forensic and procedural practice, presents empirical research, contains data obtained on the basis of analysis of prosecutor's and court files regarding violent death with the use of firearms, together with the development of the results of these analyzes, their substantive discussion and practical conclusions. From the methodological point of view, the work is diverse due to the diverse ontological status of the research problem. For dogmatic problems, methods such as interpretation rules and legal reasoning were used.

Referring to the methodological side of the research, the subject of the study, spatial scope and duration of the research sample were determined. Files for prosecution and court cases were collected for the hearing, obtained after prior written requests for access to all district prosecutor's offices, district prosecutor's offices, district courts and regional courts in the country. The spatial scope covered the entire country excluding military organizational units. The analyzed time referred to in the research sample is 2004–2013. The material collected as part of the research sample was classified using various criteria that allowed the formulation of the final conclusions of the dissertation.