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## ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INVESTIGATION UNITS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE OF UKRAINE IN MODERN CONDITIONS

Paper is devoted to the problematic issues that arise in the practice of authorized state bodies in applying personal security measures to persons known or likely to be aware of circumstances to be proved during criminal proceedings, in particular regarding persons who have been introduced into a criminal environment by operational units of Ukraine and investigators and their procedural status as witnesses, in modern conditions. The mentioned problematic issues of ensuring the safety of persons involved in the process of carrying out operational and investigative activities, carrying out secret investigative (search) actions and legality in this area in recent years have acquired special meaning and significance in connection with the updating of the criminal procedural legislation of Ukraine and exacerbation of the crime situation in the state.

Thus, the CPC of Ukraine in 2012 introduced the institution of involuntary investigative (search) activities (Chapter 21 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine). However, the practical application of this institution in law enforcement activities and the use of, in particular, confidential cooperation (Article 275 of the CPC of Ukraine) caused certain difficulties in the practice of investigators and operational units, which actualizes the need for its scientific development. The modern theory of the operative and search activities and the criminal process does not have a unified approach to the understanding of the essence and content of confidential cooperation with those involved in the implementation of its tasks, and the issue of ensuring the personal security of persons introduced into the criminal environment in the present conditions has not become urgent.

The updating of the criminal procedural legislation of Ukraine in 2012 did not solve the problems of ensuring the safety of persons introduced into the criminal environment. At the same time, the professional activity of such persons is regulated not only by the operational and investigative, but also by the criminal procedural law in force, which in modern conditions, even after its renewal, needs to be optimized regarding the constituent

elements of effective legal, social, physical and psychological personal protection of silent employees performing a special task. on the disclosure of criminal activity, The possibilities of interrogation as witnesses and use of their testimony as evidence in the criminal justice process, since witnesses in accordance with Article 2 of the Bill of Ukraine “About Insurance of the Safety of Persons Involved in Criminal Proceedings” have the right to security by applying the measures referred to in Articles 1 and 7 of the specified Bill, if there are appropriate grounds.

The issues of the subjects of such activity, their rights, duties and limits of the release from responsibility in the process of secret cooperation, that is, their legal status both in the operative and search activities and in the criminal proceedings, require detailed study and legal and regulatory improvement.

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