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ORCID ID 0000-0003-2020-7298**POLICE COLONEL M.M. POLSKOI (1931-1985) – THE LEGEND OF THE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE LUHANSK REGION
(to the 90th birthday)**

The article covers the life and investigative activity of Mykola Mykolaiovych Polskoi – Ukrainian lawyer, investigator-practitioner, police colonel, honored employee of the USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs, Knight of the Order of Red Star and Red Banner of Labor and many medals, one of the most experienced operatives of the Soviet Union, who for 22 years (!) chaired the Lugansk Regional Criminal Investigation Department. For more than thirty years of service in the internal affairs bodies Mykola Mykolaiovych revealed dozens of high-profile crimes, has trained hundreds of detectives-professionals, many of whom, having passed the “School of Polskoho”, became generals, heads of operational departments of the republican and Union level.

Mykola Mikolaiovych was a detective from God, a master of undercover investigations and operational combinations. This article provides two typical examples of capturing two extremely dangerous murdering robbers and members of a criminal gang of women rapists, which were carried out brilliantly under his leadership.

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M.M. Polskoi, notwithstanding his intense practical activity, paid great attention to research work as well. He was the co-author of monographs “Use of punch cards in the fight against crime (From the experience of the Luhansk Oblast Criminal Police Department) (K., 1967), “Operation “Search”” (K., 1972), compiler of the first in the USSR “Glossary of slang expressions and words of the Roma language”, as well as author of articles in the departmental “Bulletin on the exchange of experience in operational work” of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR: “We need creativity in work” (1961, No. 2); “Robbery assault disclosed by means of intelligence development” (1961, No. 15); “Agent must be managed” (1962, No. 6), “Secret methods – proven tool in the fight against crime” (1981, No. 70) and others. [5, p. 773].

M.M. Polskoi biography has rightly occupied an honorable place in the “International Police Encyclopedia” (Vol. 6, Kyiv, 2010) and the multi-volume edition “Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine: events, leaders, documents and materials (1917–2017)” (Vol. 7. Kyiv, 2017).

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