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## **FEATURES OF THE CONDUCT OF COVERT INVESTIGATIVE (SEARCH) ACTIONS AND OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL MEASURES WITH THE APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL MEANS BY THE OPERATIVE UNITS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE**

The article examines the peculiarities of secret investigative (research) actions and operational-technical measures with the use of technical means by operational units of the National Police. It is emphasized that the successful use of technical means largely determines the positive result in the fight against criminal offenses. The purpose of the study is to consider the specifics of conducting covert investigative (search) actions and operational-technical measures with the use of technical means by operational units of the National Police. To achieve this goal, dialectical, historical-legal, comparative-legal, systemic-structural, statistical and formal-logical methods were used. Research was conducted on the terminology used in the use of technical means in operational investigative activities and criminal proceedings, in particular: “special equipment”, “special technical means”, “operational equipment”, “operational and technical means”. The author’s definition of the concept of “operational and technical means” is proposed, which means technical, software-technical and software

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means, information systems, special devices and substances that are used in operational-search activities and criminal proceedings for covertly obtaining information, in order to identify, termination, disclosure and investigation of criminal offenses. The decisions of the Supreme Court regarding certain aspects of the use of electronic evidence obtained as a result of covert investigative (search) actions with the use of technical means have been analyzed. It was determined that the system of organizing covert investigative (research) actions and operational-technical measures with the use of technical means needs improvement regarding: the use of various (innovative) technical means; training of operatives (relevant recruitment and training on the use of available technical means); interaction of units of the National Police regarding the use of technical means.

**Keywords:** special equipment, special technical means, operative equipment, operative-technical means, operative workers, digital evidence, operative-search activity.

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