

SUMMARY

On the thesis under the title: “**Violations of the procedural rules in the pre-trial phase of the criminal procedure**”

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The dissertation thesis aims to present thorough and contemporary analysis on the general and specific legal aspects of the violations of the procedural rules in the pre-trial phase of the criminal procedure. The topicality and importance of the problems related to this procedural institute are conditioned by the extremely important observance of the procedural rules for achieving the main goal of the criminal process - "detection of crimes, exposing the guilty and proper application of the law" (Art. 1 , para 1 of the PPC), which is one of the most important guarantees for the disclosure of the objective truth and the correct application of the law and in the most convincing way possible for the participants in the process, the citizens and the society.

The dissertation is the first detailed study of the institute of violations of procedural rules in the pre-trial phase of criminal proceedings. The main subject of the study is the nature of the institute, its characteristics, types, similarities and differences with other legal institutes, as well as its legal consequences.

The exposition of the dissertation thesis contains three chapters. The first chapter examines the characteristics of the violations of the procedural rules, its types and legal consequences. The regulation of the institute from the Liberation to the present day has been traced and a historical review of the regulation of the violations of the procedural rules in other legal systems has been made.

The second and third chapters deal with the violations of the specific rights of the accused, the victim, the defense counsel and the trustee. Special

attention is paid to the ways in which these violations can be committed, as well as the result they lead to.

The thesis contains 432 references to 134 Bulgarian and foreign literature sources and many court developments some of which significant for the subject of the dissertation.

The thesis could be a beneficial not only to lawyers dedicated to theoretical analysis but also to practicing lawyers. The recognition of the *de lege ferenda* conclusions could improve the legislation and the application of the Bulgarian law through the court developments.