functions of tattoos as a reflection of interpersonal and intergroup interactions in the criminal environment, the expression of its degree of credibility in the criminal hierarchy. We must also consider the localization on the body of the offender, which depends on the composition and nature of criminal activity, sex, age, national and religious peculiarities of the personality.

The relevance of the study of this direction of criminal subculture, defined range of problems that are solved in the mentioned work, namely: researched and compiled data regarding the basic functions and purposes of criminal tattoos; clarified the use of hidden content criminal tattoo to personify the psychological portrait of the subject of the criminal environment; defines the criteria for the classification of criminal tattoos.

Information about current state of the forensic science in this area will enhance the effectiveness of investigative, investigative and forensic activities, and can also be used in educational process of educational institutions of legal education, which train specialists for law enforcement.

Keywords: tattoo; criminal tattoo; functions; localization.

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## FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF A VARIETY SHURIKEN THROWING KNIVES

Recently in offenses related to violent acts or the threat of their use, are increasingly observed cases of throwing knives. This is due to the popularization types of martial arts and activities of special units using different samples of projectile weapons, as well as the presence of literature in the public domain. At present forensic investigation of this type of weapon (or objects structurally similar to it) is significantly complicated by the fact that the theory of criminology and forensic not fulfilled a number of questions that determine the objectivity of forensic assessment of these facilities. Expert services have insufficient information base on throwing knives, which complicates the question establish group membership subject – physical evidence for the purposes of attributing it to throwing knives.

Throwing objects without a doubt is common for people for many thousands of years, since the old man learned that can protect yourself and get food, throwing stones at creatures.

Shuriken – throwing weapons in the form of a metal plate with a blade and (or) the edge on the outer edge or short rod of spire at the ends and consists of a base and a different number of petals of different shapes. Research Methodology shuriken technique similar to the overall study knives, but has a number of its specific characteristics, due to the design, method of administration and operations.

So considered the question forensic investigation throwing knives, such as shuriken that need special attention when they study it can be concluded that the present disclosure and investigation of crimes is largely dependent on broad and tactically – proper use of specialized knowledge expert in the study of knives . her knives, which is designed to engage targets by gaining referral traffic due to the direct application of her muscular efforts of man.

**Keywords:** shuriken; throwing knives; forensic investigation; metal plate; edge; throwing.