

UNIT 13. LESSON 20

INVESTIGATION OF CRIME

Get ready!

Before you begin the lesson, talk about these questions:

1. What is article 15 of the **Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan** about?
2. What is the main task of an investigating officer at the crime scene?

Article 15. Mandatory Initiation of Criminal Case

Upon discovery of elements of a crime and within their competence, a court, prosecutor, investigator and inquiry officer shall be obliged to initiate a criminal case and take all necessary legal measures to establish of the event and actors of a crime and to punish guilty.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

VOCABULARY

Task 1. Listen and read the words and phrases. Then divide the following words to appropriate columns. Use the dictionary.

to detect a crime	to plead guilty
to report a crime	to hear a case
to report a crime	to establish the identity of a suspect
to commit a crime	to deny involvement
to bring charges against	to release on parole
to catch a criminal	
to give a statement	
to witness an offence	
to make a confession	
to find guilty	
to arrest a suspect	

to cooperate in investigation
to break the law
to interrogate
to request legal advice
to pass a sentence
to gather evidence

Police officer	Victim	Witness	Offender	Court
<i>to detect a crime</i>	<i>to report a crime</i>	<i>to report a crime</i>	<i>to commit a crime</i>	to bring charges against
<i>to catch a criminal</i>	<i>to give a statement</i>	to witness an offence	<i>to make a confession</i>	find guilty
<i>to arrest a suspect</i>		<i>to cooperate in investigation</i>	to break the law	to pass a sentence
<i>to interrogate</i>			to request legal advice	to hear a case
to gather evidence			to plead guilty	to release on parole
to establish the identity of a suspect			to deny involvement	

Task 2. Listen and read the following word combinations then copy out them into your notebooks. Translate them using dictionary. Then divide the group into small teams of 4 or 5. Ask translation of four words or word combinations from Task 2, Task 3 and Task 4 from each team. Every cadet from each team must answer by one word or word combination.

1. a search warrant (ордер на обыск) — *Officers armed with a search warrant entered the flat.*
2. to release on probation —
3. to be charged with attempted robbery —
4. to press charges against smb —
5. to drop charges —
6. to issue a warrant —
7. to perpetrate a crime —
8. to conduct a crime scene examination —
9. to apprehend a criminal (felon) —
10. to be served with a subpoena —
11. to accuse (to be accused) —
12. to detain a suspect —
13. to resort to the polygraph —

Task 3. Find proper Uzbek or Russian translation of the words then copy out them into your notebooks.

murder – the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another
body – a corpse

foul play – an act that intentionally causes death; violence

apparently – You use apparently to indicate that the information you are giving is something that you have heard, but you are not certain that it is true.

discover – find unexpectedly or during a search

morgue – is a building or a room in a hospital where dead bodies are kept before they are buried or cremated, or before they are identified or examined.

autopsy – a post-mortem examination to discover the cause of death or the extent of disease

coroner – an official who holds inquests into violent, sudden, or suspicious deaths, and (in Britain) inquiries into cases of treasure trove

stab – thrust a knife or other pointed weapon into (someone) so as to wound or kill

wound [wu:nd] – an injury to living tissue caused by a cut, blow, or other impact, typically one in which the skin is cut or broken

bludgeoned – To bludgeon someone means to hit them several times with a heavy object.

blunt – (of a cutting implement) not having a sharp edge or point

homicide – the killing of one person by another

unclear – not easy to see, hear, or understand

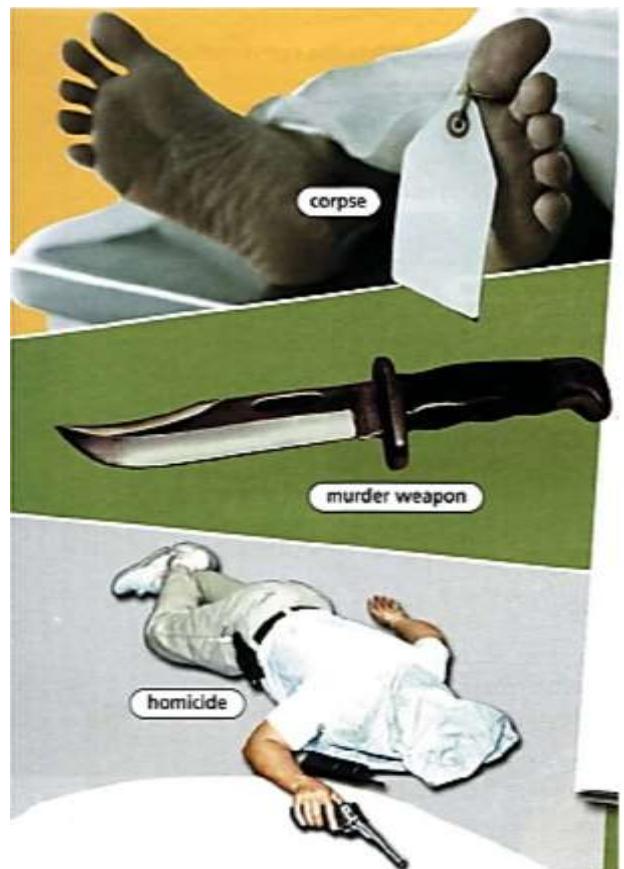
native – a person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not

previous – existing or occurring before in time or order

conviction – a formal declaration by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law that someone is guilty of a criminal offence

manslaughter – illegal killing of a person by someone who did not intend to kill them.

regular – arranged in or constituting a constant or definite pattern, especially with the same space between individual instances



Task 3. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

1 __ motive

3 __ foul play

5 __ murder weapon

2 __ coroner

4 __ bludgeon

6 __ cause of death

- a. to hit with a heavy object
- b. an official who investigates violent or suspicious deaths
- c. an act that intentionally causes death
- d. an item used to kill someone
- e. a reason for committing a crime
- f. the injury or injuries that ended someone's life

READING

Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

1. Is homicide a frequent crime in your country? In nearby countries?
2. What evidence do police look for in a murder case?

Task 4. Read the newspaper article. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1__ The server at the bar witnessed the murder.
- 2__ The autopsy revealed that the victim died from stab wounds.
- 3__ A suspect in the case had previously killed someone.

Tourist Murdered at Local Bar

The body of a 45-year-old man was found late last night outside a local bar. Police suspect **foul play**. The man was identified as Robert Hillson of Atlanta, GA. Hillson had been vacationing in South Summerville with his family since last week. Linda Sanders, a server at the bar, said she saw Hillson arguing with another man, but that the men left the bar separately.

Police have not found a **murder weapon**, and the body was apparently not discovered for several hours. "The **corpse** is in the morgue, and we will be conducting a detailed **autopsy** later today," said

Thomas Ford, Summerville County **Coroner**. "At this point, I can't tell you the exact **cause of death**, but I can say that the victim had multiple stab wounds and also appeared to have been **bludgeoned** with some type of blunt object".

Police say the **motive** for this **homicide** is unclear and that they are waiting for the coroner's report. No charges have been filed but one suspect has been taken into custody. Jared Filler, a 33-year-old South Summerville native, has had two previous arrests and one conviction in 1998, for **manslaughter**. Filler is known to be a regular customer at the bar where Hillson's body was found.

Task 5. Read the sentence, in pairs. Choose where the words best fit in the blanks.

1. *manslaughter / morgue*

- a. The suspect was charged with _____ .
- b. The body is still in the _____ .

2. *corpse / homicide*

- a. Greg was guilty of committing a _____ .
- b. The coroner's office is examining the _____ .

3. *autopsy / stab wound*

- a. The _____ was the cause of death.
- b. A(n) _____ showed how the man died.

Task 6. Listen and read the article again. *Do the police know how the man died?*

LISTENING

Task 7. Listen to a conversation between two police officers then choose the correct answers.

1. *What is the dialogue mostly about?*
 - a. a murder investigation
 - b. interviewing a witness
 - c. a piece of evidence
 - d. contacting a victim's family
2. *Why do the officers discuss a bar fight?*
 - a. to suggest that there were two attackers
 - b. to explain what happened after a robbery.
 - c. to propose a motive for a crime
 - d. to question the credibility of a witness

Task 8. Listen again and complete the conversation.

Officer 1: So, this is our victim.

Officer 2: Yeah, male 40s, no question. It's a homicide.

Officer 1: Do we have a murder weapon?

Officer 2: No, not yet.

Officer 1: You know, from the looks of him there might be two murder weapons. May be even two attackers.

Officer 2: Why do you say that?

Officer 1: Well, it looks like there are several stub wounds. But look at that wound on his head.

Officer 2: Yeah, you are right. It looks like he's bludgeoned with something.

Officer 1: Do we have an ID on this guy yet?

Officer 2: We do. He was a tourist. Officer Davenport's on the way to talk to his family at their hotel.

Officer 1: So 1 _____? Was it just a bar fight?

Officer 2: I asked a server if 2 _____. She said she saw him arguing with another guy in the bar 3 _____.

Officer 1: It doesn't look like a robbery. They didn't take his wedding ring or his wallet.

Officer 2: No, I think it was just an argument 4 _____. Would you mind calling the coroner's office again? They should be here already.

Officer 1: No problem. It looks like the 5 _____. Do you want me to tell them to leave?

Officer 2: No, thanks. I'll do it. I want to keep them away so that 6 _____.

SPEAKING

Task 9. With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 8. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Was it just . . .

I asked a server if . . .

Would you mind calling . . .

Student A: You're talking to a fellow police officer. Talk to Student B about:

- the victim • witness testimony • a possible motive

Student B: You are a police officer. Talk to Student A about a homicide.

WRITING

Task 10. Use the conversation in Task 8 to fill out a police report on a homicide.

Talk about:

- victim
- motives
- cause of death

Task 11. Answer the following control questions.

1. What must be included in the police crime report?
2. Who investigates murder crimes in your country?
3. What are the components of a crime before it is proved as a crime?
4. What are the differences between primary investigation and court investigation?