

“The Role of developments and position of judicial officials in the preliminary investigation stage in Iranian Criminal Law”

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Abstract: Preliminary investigation stage is one of the vital stages in criminal procedure and the main elements of appropriate passing of this stage include accurate and proper performing of tasks by judicial authorities. According to approving the new criminal procedure law of 2013, current research aims to investigate their tasks and developments of new law in preliminary investigation stage. Generally, judicial officials are of two categories: general officials and special officials. Based on the new criminal procedure law, a third type of officials are added to this collection, called as military officials. Carrying out necessary actions in preliminary stage is one of the tasks of judicial officials to maintain and restoration of public discipline and avoiding prorogation of trial. In dealing with evident crimes and if necessary, judicial officials have the power to prosecute and arrest the accused without any judicial order. In other words, in such crimes, public judicial officials can conduct preliminary investigation without judicial order and this adds up to the importance of reviewing the issue. The change in definition of judicial officer and special attention to education to obtain special certificate of judicial officers can be mentioned as most essential developments of new law which, by itself, has changed the scope and domain of the title of judicial officers. Also of other innovations of this law we can refer to definition of military judicial officers, creation of children-police as a kind of special judicial offices which is considered as new setting and definition and recognition of intelligence agents as judicial officers. **Keywords:** Criminal Procedure, Preliminary Investigation, Judicial Officer, public and special officer, Judicial Officers' Tasks.

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