

**THE INVESTIGATIVE ROLE OF PROSECUTOR AND POLICE
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INTRODUCTION

Investigation is the process of selecting of offenders and manifestation of truth in a rational and systematic way supported by sufficient evidence. So it needs special attention, since any problem in investigation will disturb the society. Many countries try to minimize in general in order to protect the right of the suspects from the possible abuse of police and to speed up the process of investigation by granting the power to involve in investigation to the public prosecutors.

The main objective of this paper is to fully show the role of prosecutor and police in the investigation under Ethiopian law by comparing it with the experience of other legal systems. The focus is on two civil law countries i.e. France and Germany. In addition to this, to see the legal and practical problems concerning the investigation process in our legal system. The study has the objectives of analyzing the provision of criminal procedure code and identifying better alternative that is, for the issuance of a better law. In addition it has an objective to identify the problems related with the law themselves, that is the incomplete nature of the law, the gap left uncovered and propose for significant amendment of the existing law.

The researcher identifies and analyzes the problem surrounding the law and the practice and has recommended alternative solution. Therefore,

this paper is believed to contribute the following. Firstly, to generate imputes which are to speed up the process of investigation and prosecution. Secondly, to supply imputes for the coming new criminal procedure code to the country with to strengthening the screening

Mechanism. Thirdly, to lay the ground for the prosecutor and police as to how the investigation process can be made between themselves and the last but not the least significant of this paper is it would be help full in addressing those areas and gaps that remain inadequately treated or untouched in depth.

With regard to row materials or inputs in attaining the objectives set out, literature, interviews, and experiences of other countries have been examined and used.

In this paper time is the major limiting function. The other limitation that faces during the undertaking of the research is lack of literature material in relation to the title. In addition, willingness of the concerned offices like ministerial offices likes ministry of justice, police department and prosecution office etc to give adequate document and information is another limitation of the study. Also lack of domestic reading material and research works on the area is another limitation.

The scope of this paper is encompasses role of prosecutor and police in the investigation process and problems perceived in the existing relation between prosecution office and police department in our legal system as well.

With this objective in mind, this paper is divided into three chapters. Chapter one deals with the general overview about definition of investigation, early criminal investigation, role of investigator and so on which might be helpful to the next chapter. Furthermore, this chapter is an introductory part of the paper which gives a general framework. Chapter

two, on the other hand, by focusing the role of prosecutor and police in investigation in our legal system in comparison with other legal systems

deeply and lastly, chapter three deals with problems perceived in the existing relation between the prosecution office and police department. Finally, there will be a conclusion and recommendation based on the discussions made in the three chapters.

