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NIPHON CHANSUMAWONG : THE MANAGING APPROACH OF THE NARCOTIC EXHIBIT SEIZED IN LIS PENDENS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PROSECUTION AND FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION BUREAU. THESIS ADVISORS : CHANKANIT K. SURIYAMANEE, M.A., JUAN CHAISUWAN, M.S., NOP KANJANAGUNTI, M.S., 135 p., ISBN 974-664-635-4

The objectives of this study were to study the police's opinions and suggestions as well as all factors affecting those opinions on the managing approach of narcotic exhibits seized in lis pendens. The subjects of the study were 201 police officers working in the Prosecution and Financial Investigation Division Narcotics Suppression Bureau. The data was collected by the questionnaire method. The statistics were analysed using Percentages, Mean, Standard Deviation, Chi-Square. The findings of the study could be summarized as follows :

1. It was found that most of the police officers were male, under 30 years old, earned less than 10,000 baht a month, had lower than bachelor degree education level, were in positions of squad leaders of service men, serving in the area of investigation and arrest with 2-5 years experience, continuously informed about narcotics problems from printed media, attended narcotics law courses and had good knowledge of narcotics law.

2. It was found that the police officers of different personal backgrounds in age, monthly income, education level, position, work experience, nature of work, additional training in narcotics law courses, knowledge of narcotics law had different opinions on the managing approach of the narcotic exhibit seized in lis pendens.

3. Most of the police officers thought that all exhibits seized in narcotics cases should be handed over to anyone who has the right to give a claim for possession contemporarily during a trial on condition that security has been placed. The other idea suggested was that employing narcotic exhibit for the benefits of governmental business concerning narcotics prevention and suppression was considered the best managing approach. These two suggestions were in equal proportions.

4. It was recommended in this study that the Royal Thai Police should have a revision of law and regulations concerning the keeping of any exhibit seized in lis pendens to obtain a more appropriate and clearer approach for each particular kind of exhibit.