



**ENHANCING RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN  
CRIMINAL PROSECUTION SYSTEM THROUGH  
INQUISITORIAL REFORMS ; STUDY SUMMERY TRIALS  
OF THE MAGISTRATE COURT IN SRI LANKA**

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## ABSTRACT

The criminal justice system in any country i Enhancing s design for the purpose of maintaining peace and order. If the system is not geared to meet the aspirations of the people there might be a break down of the law and order.It is absolutely necessary that the system runs efficiently and effectively. **“For the efficient functioning of the criminal justice system, there must be perfect coordination between the investigators and the prosecutors”**

But, As far as the in the context of criminal investigation system and prosecution in the summary trial in the Magistrate court of Sri Lanka are concerned that high discretion is held by police while police is empowered to excercise the investigation in the adversarial method of litigation where prosecutor is at centre stage of the criminal trial and plays a leading role while the judge put into more natural mode compare to inquisitorial method. The rapid escalation of crime increasingly committed in an organize manner with violence, impunity and considerable sophistication there by resulting in the lost of public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Hence, this thesis highlighted that selected scale down area of the investigation and prosecution in summery trials in Magistrate Court concerned by analysing the breakdown and the loopholes in the existing system in order to reinforce the current investigation and prosecution system to render effective and reliable and in the progress of truth basis to breath inquisitorial effective mechanisms in to the current investigation and prosecution system in the Magistrate Courts of Sri Lanka.

**Key words : Summary procedure inquiries in Magistrate court, Criminal prosecution, inquisitorial reform, Role of the magistrate court.**