

Some Reflection Thoughts from Case Studies of Forensic Linguistics in Indonesia

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Abstract

Forensic linguistics is a field of study that combines language and forensic science to analyze text and speech in the context of criminal investigations. In Indonesia, this field is still quite new and not very popular. However, several universities such as the University of Bandar Lampung have offered courses in forensic linguistics. Although it is still relatively new, the potential for the application of forensic linguistics in Indonesia is quite large, especially in dealing with crime cases involving written evidence or sound recordings. However, the use of these techniques must be carried out in a professional and standardized manner to produce valid and accountable evidence in court. In this paper, I will discuss legal cases involving the testimony of linguists in explaining their legal evidence in Indonesia. For example, defamation, hate speech, fake news, threats, religious blasphemy, trademark disputes and others. From the forensic linguistic case studies, I offer several reflective thoughts including:

- The importance of theoretical and practical linguistic skills in criminal investigations
- Challenges in the use of forensic linguistic techniques
- Expansion of the use of forensic linguistic techniques in understanding language in legal sources.

It is hoped that this idea will become a follow-up material in the development of a comprehensive forensic linguistics curriculum, which includes an introduction to the basics of linguistics, language and text analysis techniques, to the application of these techniques in the forensic field.