

Abstract

Topic of this thesis is The Issue of an Offender's personality. The main purpose of this thesis is introduction of criminology terms and theories. Furthermore, the thesis deals with the personality of the offender and with risk factors, which may have impact on criminal behaviour. The end of this thesis is devoted to violent criminality and murders.

First chapter describes essential terms of this thesis like subject and aims of criminology, offender in criminal law and criminology and human personality in general.

Most of the criminological theories try to deal with personality of the offender. They study personality of the offender and risk factors from different views, especially with help from biology, psychology, sociology or all of them. Most of these theories try to find a difference between offenders and non-deviant persons.

The third chapter of this thesis is very important because it deals with personality of the offender and particular risk factors which may cause behaviour disorders or criminal behaviour. Knowledge about offender is helpful for investigation of the crime or criminal policy.

In last chapters are described violent crimes, murders and their offenders. It is hard to describe general personality of murderer, because these offenders have a different motivation to commit this type of crime. In this chapter I divide murderers into sections according to their personality or motivation. There is also one famous case of the murder from Czech republic (or Czechoslovakia) in every section.

Not every risk factor is the reason of the criminal behaviour. But if person has lot of risk factors in his life he will be more prone to commit a crime than others.