

**TITLE:**

Attachment regarding individuals with sexual preference disorder

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**Abstract**

This Master's thesis deals with the nature of attachment regarding individuals with sexual preference disorder. The aim is to examine in depth early and later relationship experiences of selected individuals with sexual preference disorder and to evaluate their potential significance in the context of psychosexual development and sexually delinquent behaviour of these people.

The theoretical part first introduces the concept of attachment and outlines the background and the basic concepts of the attachment theory. The following part describes types of attachment and selected methods of assessing adult attachment. The next section provides a summary of key information about sexual preference disorders. Attention is paid to the classification and basic theories of origin of the sexual preference disorders. The psychosexual development of individuals with paraphilia and the specifics of the concept of sexual delinquency are also briefly described. Finally, it outlines the possible significance of the nature of emotional attachment in the context of sexual preference disorders.

The empirical part of the thesis presents life stories of three men with sexual preference disorder who have committed sexual offenses. Data were obtained using semi-structured interviews with probands and the Adult Attachment Interview (AAI) method. The Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) was also used as an additional research method.

The results of the research suggest that relationship experiences the selected individuals with sexual preference disorder acquired in childhood based on their relationships with parents affected the quality of their later relationships and subsequently reflected also in the manner in which they have committed sexual offenses.

**Key words:**

Attachment, sexual preference disorders, paraphilia, sexual delinquency