

Criminalistics Study of Crime Victims (Criminalistics Victimology)

Abstract

The submitted diploma thesis on the topic of criminalistics study of crime victims (criminalistics victimology) aims to acquaint its readers with victimology, its basic concepts and the legal development of the position of victims in Czech, European and international law. Furthermore, it aims to provide an insight into the subject of criminalistics victimology.

The thesis is divided into introduction, five chapters and conclusion. The first two chapters of the thesis focus on the definition of the basic terms of victimology, as understanding these terms is necessary for further content of the thesis. The thesis then provides a brief description of the development of victimology. It also focuses on the topic of victimization of victims - primary, secondary and tertiary. Part of the thesis describes the evolution of victims' rights in the Czech Republic and the European and international law, because the victim has long been an unknown term for legal systems. Vulnerable victims and the specifics of their treatment are mentioned in the second chapter as well.

In the chapters which are devoted to criminalistics victimology, the thesis first deals with the victim as the originator of material and memory forensic traces. The chapters describe the origin of the material traces created by the victim on the offender's body and at the crime scene and the memory traces that the victim creates in the consciousness of witnesses. Moreover, attention is paid to the victim in the role of bearer of material and memory traces. The penultimate chapter deals with the role of victims in the investigation of crime. Attention is focused primarily on the victim as a whistleblower. Finally, the work deals with the secondary victimization of the victim by the police and law enforcement authorities and the question of how these authorities can prevent this secondary victimization from happening.

Individual chapters are supplemented by practical examples on which the selected phenomenon is illustrated and explained.

Klíčová slova:

Victimology

Victim

Criminalistics