

Abstract

Crimes Against Family and Children — Criminal and Criminological Aspects

This thesis gives an expert and comprehensive interpretation of the issue of crimes against the family and children as a whole and examines these crimes from both the criminal and criminological points of view, providing the reader with an interpretation beyond the definitions provided by textbooks or commentary literature. In order to achieve these objectives, the work is divided into four chapters.

The first chapter deals with the establishment of special protection of family and children in the legal order of the Czech Republic and its development, not only with regard to criminal law protection, but also on the matter of protection of children, and family in the field of international law, as well as national protection already guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the Czech Republic. The second chapter of this thesis is divided chronologically into nine parts, which are named after the individual crimes contained in Title IV of the Criminal Code. The interpretation focuses on the analysis of the central concepts necessary to understand the issue of the offence in question, and the individual offences are examined in particular with regard to the characteristics of the facts of the individual offences, i.e., for each of the offences its object, objective aspect, subject, subjective aspect is defined in particular, and the interpretation is complemented by judicial practice.

The third chapter of this thesis describes the Child abuse and neglect syndrome – CAN syndrome and deals with the description of this phenomenon both in terms of its origin, and its content part, as well as with regard to the psychology and typology of the perpetrator, and victims of child abuse and other criminological aspects. The third chapter is further divided into four parts. The final, fourth chapter focuses on the criminological aspects of domestic violence, in particular it focuses on violence in intimate partnerships. The interpretation is complemented by the typology of forms of domestic violence, its perpetrators, and it also deals with the effects of domestic violence on the victim, with a closer focus on battered woman syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

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