

# **THE CRIME OF MURDER – JURISTIC, CRIMINOLOGICAL AND FORENSIC ASPECTS**

## **ABSTRACT**

The objective of this diploma thesis is to formulate complex view on the crime of murder from the perspective of three scientific field – juristic, criminological and forensic – and in three parts to create comprehensive set of information about the most serious crime against human life.

First part is dedicated to juristic aspects and it contains development of legislation in time, which by its gradual adjustments led to current legislation. Then the current legislation of the crime of murder is described in details and it is also compared with other crimes against human life and with legislation of selected states. In one of the chapters there is definition of euthanasia, which is illegal in Czech republic, but this thesis offers comparison with legislation in other states, where euthanasia is legal.

In the second part the crime of murder is described with criminological aspects. There are many statistics and graphs showing state, structure and dynamics of this crime in the Czech republic in past few years. One chapter is dedicated to a offender, including psychological treatise, statistics based on gender or relaps, and information about motives for committing. Next chapter is dedicated to the victims and it offers graphs and statistic about relationship between the victim and offender and info about a harm to the victim. One chapter is about penology – methods of punishment according to Criminal code is described here with a few statistical data about penalties actually imposed.

The third part is about forensic science. You can find there a comprehensive view on the process of investigation of the crime of murder, that aims to catch and convict the offender. The crime of murder is in this part described with forensic characteristics – method of committing and motives. It also describes typical evidence which can be found on the crime scene including principles for their processing. Based on these evidence investigators formulate investigative situation. Following chapters are about peculiarities of this crime and its differences. Thesis deals with subject of investigation and its stimulus, initial and subsequent action and investigative version, which in ideal scenario leads to catching and convicting the offender.

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