Abstract in English

This thesis deals with the issue of counterfeiting, in terms of both criminal and criminological perspective. Its opening is devoted to the money, especially to their historical development. The following chapter, number three, continuously moves to the description of the most widely used security features of money, especially of banknotes. Although these security features are not the subject of my thesis, this part can look quite dominant. However, I am convinced that the technical protection of money plays the pivotal role in the whole issue, so I gave them enough space at the beginning of work.

The following section deals with the valid legislation and focuses primarily on the enumeration and analysis of the actus rea under the Criminal Code. In my opinion, the focus only on criminal legislation is inadequate, and therefore I consider it is necessary to mention also other legislation which is significantly related, ie Act No. 136/2011 Coll., on the circulation of banknotes and coins and amending Act No. 6/1993 Coll. on the Czech National Bank, as amended, which contains mainly the Czech National Bank's role in the issues mentioned above and responsibilities of defined group of persons handling the money suspected of counterfeiting.

The procedure of the Police of the Czech Republic in the examination under §158 of the Criminal Procedure is then described in chapter four. It also contains a special method of criminal proceedings in question caused by concerning crime.

The last two chapters focus on the criminological aspects of the counterfeiting. In the beginning of this chapter the systematical classification of counterfeiting is discussed. It means the reasons for the systematic inclusion of this activity to a group of criminal offenses so called “white collar crimes” as well as arguments for its exclusion. Then I tried to apply the most common causes of committing the general crime of counterfeiting money, and thus determine its basic criminogenic factors. The final part is concerned with the prevention. My attempt was, again, to link preventive measures in general to the peculiarities of counterfeiting.