

## **Summary of my Master's degree thesis in English**

### **Lawful use of firearms**

The purpose of my paper is to draw attention to the lawful use of firearms in self-defence. The relation between the lawful use of firearms and self-defence is not explained sufficiently today. For example, it is not clear in what situations police officers have authority to act in self-defence and what their liability would be should they exceed the regulation of lawful use of firearms. The author offers possible solutions to this issue and describes their consequences.

The paper is composed of three chapters. Introduction brings the reader into the issue. First chapter serves as an extension to the introductory part and defines basic terminology used in the paper such as defences, necessity, self-defence, dangerous offender, lawful use of firearms.

Chapter Two deals with relevant international, constitutional and statutory legislation with a focus on the lawful use of firearms and its regulation.

Chapter Three introduces basic knowledge from practice split into rulings and case studies. Author of this Master's degree thesis searched and chose the most relevant rulings with relation to the lawful use of firearms. Case studies include two cases of lawful use of firearms by the Police to which the author had access.

Chapter Four looks back at the questions asked in the introduction of the paper. It explains the main problems of lawful use of firearms in connection with self-defence. It explores four possible alternatives of solving this problem, and discusses particular interpretations.

In conclusion the author chooses the most proper interpretation; he answers the question of restricting police officers in this respect and highlights the importance of these issues for the practical application by the Police.

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