

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis deals with the “Methods of investigation of murders (selected topics)”. Within the theoretical part, the first chapter describes the legal point of view of criminal acts against the life with the emphasis on murders. The following chapter is dedicated to general features of the methods of investigation of individual kinds of criminal acts. Criminology and its system were specified, together with the terms such as the methodology of investigation. Furthermore, the components of individual methodologies were defined.

The deeper description of selected components of the methods of investigation represents the fundamental and comprehensive part of the thesis. The statistics and prognosis which present the numbers of murders, their trends and their homicides of the last decade are included. The statistics present the relations between homicides and the levels of their acquired education, the percentage of homicides with academic education and the percentage of women among homicides.

The final part of the thesis deals with criminal case studies. The murders committed in passion and motivated by human conflicts were selected. One of the main reasons for the selection of this criminal motive was the fact that it is the most frequent motive in the last decade as it was revealed from own statistical analyses.