

## SUMMARY

The crime of stalking represents a specific form of harassment and violence, known as stalking. Since 1990 antistalking legislation became enacted first in the United States of America and in successive steps the crime of stalking got into legislation also in the continental European territory. In the Czech Republic the crime of stalking was involved in the new Criminal Code, which became effective 1.1.2010 and is amended under § 354.

The aim of this thesis was to introduce the crime of stalking in the most comprehensive way. Above all to define stalking, analyze its possible forms and manners, make an insight of this social problem from the viewpoint of the victim, to specify offender typologies, take a think of motivation to commit this crime, to mention so-called expartner stalking and celebrity stalking as specific forms of this crime. I specified the characteristic features and analysed the body of the crime of stalking, examined the characteristics of the objective element of the body of this crime, especially the duration of the pursuit, caution of a reasonable concern and the forms of possible unlawful conduct. And in the last chapter I focused on the crime of stalking in other states. I chose Virginia in the USA, because the United States are the region where antistalking laws became enacted. And then Austria and Germany, because these inspired the Czech Republic while enacting this crime.

The conclusion of this thesis suggests possible alterations of our legislation with regard to the interpretation and valuation of the legislation of stalking in Virginia, Austria and Germany.

The issue of stalking is up to date and is a very looked-up topic for the general public. Still it isn't paid enough attention to it and is rather disregarded. Stalking is an all-society problem and it is necessary to deal with this issue, monitor this problem and analyse focus groups that might be endangered by such conduct.