

Abstract (Summary)

The main goal of this Master's degree thesis is to thoroughly describe the components of four criminal offences – fraud, insurance fraud, credit fraud and grant fraud pursuant to sections 209, 210, 211 and 212 of *Criminal Code, No. 40/2009 Coll.* These four criminal offences are classified as crimes against property.

This Master's degree thesis deals with constituent elements of the above mentioned criminal offences. The author was focusing predominantly on the actus reus, mens rea, physical and mental elements of these criminal offences. But the thesis isn't confined only to mere description of those elements. The author is also analyzing and describing some of the most important and significant judicial decisions, which relate to this topic. The majority of these judicial decisions was made by the Supreme Court of the Czech republic. In this thesis, the author also deals with the possibility of simultaneity of above mentioned crimes with some of the selected crimes.

In the chapter dealing with insurance fraud there is a subchapter which briefly characterizes the main instruments which are used by insurance companies in order to prevent perpetration of insurance fraud. These instruments are very diverse and various – for example, insurance companies are usually using special fraud detection softwares.

One chapter is dedicated to describing these crimes from the perspective of criminology and forensic science. This chapter also includes a part which describes the typical perpetrator and typical victim of the fraud. The thesis also includes some basic statistical data of the previous years regarding detection rate of fraud, insurance fraud, credit fraud and grant fraud.

One of the last chapters contains comparison between czech and slovak legislation regarding these four crimes. The author individually compares each of these crimes with equivalent ones from Slovak Criminal Code. The comparison was chosen mainly because these two countries had long common history and both adopted new criminal codes in the past few years.

One of the main objects of this thesis was to emphasize the importance of the subsidiarity of criminal repression principle in relation to these four crimes. In some cases, it is very important to consider this principle, because some of these crimes don't even require causing property damage.