

# **Abstract**

## **Issue of victim of crime in the criminology**

This diploma thesis deals with the issue of victim of crime in the criminology. One part of criminology is victimology which is focused on victims of crime. Before the formation of victimology, a victim had only very restricted position in criminal proceedings. This scientific discipline stood behind the expansion of attention focused on victims during last few decades. One of the consequences of these tendencies that are characteristic for strengthening position of victim not only in criminal proceedings is the acceptance of new Statute about victims of crime in the Czech Republic. One of the aims of this thesis is to create an integrated document about victimology knowledge of victims of crime. Another aim is to describe current law relating to protection of victims and evaluate its contributions and limits with regard to victimology knowledge. The first chapter presents the historic development of the role of victim, the process of formation of victimology and its object of study. The second chapter is dedicated to various typologies used in victimology and also explains the main biological, psychological and sociological characteristics of victims. Third chapter describes victimization as a suffer caused by the criminal offence and its impacts on victims. The fourth chapter is focused on the negative phenomenon of secondary victimisation and its main sources that inflict another useless harm to victims. The fifth chapter deals with the progress of law relating to victims and in the last sixth chapter there are identified the main ways how to help the victims. From the point of view of the law this thesis especially focuses on the Statute about victims of crime functioning of which tries to assess. This assessment should be based on the familiarity with most important needs of victims which are described in the chapter three and four. A significant contribution to assessment of this Statute is given by the organization providing help to victims called In IUSTITIA. It is probable that in case of application of its notes the victims could be protected in a better way.