

Violent Crime and its Prevention

Abstract

This thesis should provide basic analysis of violent crime in general and main concepts which are needed to know when studying violent crime. Although it is difficult to completely describe whole question of violent crime in a scope of this thesis I would like to give at least a kind of introduction for understanding what is in fact violent crime and how we can deal with it. This thesis is primarily theoretical but contains also examples for a more comprehensive understanding of the issue.

My thesis is composed of seven chapters. First chapter represents a brief introduction with basic definitions related to the topic. Second chapter is devoted to perpetrators of violent crimes, how they can be classified, what are their characteristics and by the end, to the psychological profiling which can be useful in cases of unknown perpetrator. Third chapter is focused on victims and fractional topics like a negative influence of violence on its victims in their future ordinary life. In the fourth chapter I deal with two specific problematics within violent crime which is violence committed by adolescents and domestic violence. I briefly analyzed what the main causes might be in these cases and what are the possibilities for improvement and more efficient prevention. The fifth chapter deals with the most serious violent crimes and most serious crimes at all, homicides. This chapter contains a legal classification of homicide within the Czech law and then, there are described the most common motives of the murderers and their typical personality and other characteristics. In this part of the thesis I also describe an importance of autopsy when investigating a murder and how can be helpful a knowledge of the modus operandi of the perpetrator. In the last chapter there are introduced several types of prevention accompanied by specific recommendations in terms of violent crime.

Keywords

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