

## **The Specifics of Children Interrogation**

### **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with the interrogation of children in criminal proceedings, with a focus on the specifics that are characteristic of it.

The aim of the thesis is to provide a comprehensive overview of this issue at all levels - legal, psychological, as well as criminal, and to allow better understanding of its whole essence.

In this introduction, the thesis focuses on the legal standpoint, in which it introduces the basic terms and outlines the current state of legislation in the Czech Republic. Then, it moves continuously to the psychological-criminal standpoint, where it reaches the point of its content - the specifics that may arise in connection with the interrogation of children.

The thesis views these specifics from two different angles. From a psychological point of view, it enables to understand the complexity of a child's personality, which must always be taken into account during the interrogation. It also points out any risks that may arise in communicating with the child and which should be avoided. From the criminal point of view, it focuses directly on the course of interrogation itself. This practical part can thus be considered as a guide step by step through the whole interrogation. It deals in detail with all subsequent stages in which states, inter alia, under what conditions it should take place, how it should be conducted and, on the contrary, what the interrogating officer should avoid. In both directions, it always seeks to complement all theoretical knowledge with expert advice and recommendations, confronting their differing views at the same time. In its conclusion, it provides a directed interview with one of the interrogated child witness and thus also provides an insight into police practice in Prague.

This diploma thesis, in its entirety, gives comprehensive knowledge to all those who show a lay interest in this issue, or who want to expand their acquired knowledge with in further depth.

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