

Euthanasia and criminal law

If we wish to speak about euthanasia, it is necessary to say, what really mean this term. The noun "euthanasia" came from Greek language and it is composed from two Greek nouns, "eu" and "thanatos". The noun "eu" mean good and the noun "thanatos" mean dead. Euthanasia can be also translated as a good dead. View of euthanasia in the history was different. In antiquity people look at euthanasia otherwise than Christian society. About euthanasia spoke Nazis too, but the really term euthanasia is different from horrible Nazi policy. Nowadays is term euthanasia use for speaking about put to death patients in the finally stadium of their incurable illnesses. Euthanasia can be divided into three situations. Accordingly we speak about three kinds of euthanasia, passive euthanasia, active direct euthanasia and active indirect euthanasia.

About passive euthanasia we speak in situations, when incurable ill patient refused medical help and owing to he died. Patient's dead come naturally without some assistance from the part of medical staff. In majority of states is passive euthanasia respected and it is practise in accordance with laws.

As active indirect euthanasia is indicated situation, when patient died because of rise dose of medicaments. It is usual, that patients use some medicaments, which silence their pain. But after some time, it is necessary to raise dose of this medicaments, because patient's body get accustomed to this dose. Patient's dead is only secondary consequence of the treatment in this situations. Active indirect euthanasia is practise in accordance with laws too.

Active direct euthanasia is the most known case of euthanasia. In this case, medical staff or some other person knowingly put to death patient, who is in the finally stadium of his incurable illness. In most of countries active direct euthanasia is not in accordance with laws. But in some countries this proceedings is not prohibited. Legally is active direct euthanasia practise for example in Netherlands or Belgium, but some special conditions must be realised.

In the Czech Republic is active direct euthanasia prohibited and person, who commit it, is liable for the crime murder. There isn't also some special enactment about euthanasia in criminal code of the Czech Republic, such as in codes of some other countries, for example in Germany, Austria or Swiss.

In my opinion is the situation in the Czech Republic not good. At least it will be accepted some special enactment in criminal code. I myself hope, that active direct euthanasia will be enacted and also that incurable illness patients will need not to die in unbearable pain.