

## **Cizojazyčné resumé**

This diploma thesis focuses on the method of psychological profiling of an offender. Psychological profiling, or simply profiling, is a method aiming at an analysis of behavioural patterns of an offender which can be observed during crime investigation. The result of such analysis is a descriptive model of physical, psychological, and demographical features of the probable offender. Its purpose is to help the investigation of a crime mainly in the cases when the common criminological methods fail and there is little to no success shedding light on the crime – especially the criminal's identity. Profiling brings a new perspective and important information which could otherwise be overlooked by criminalists; a contribution that could lead to the crime being successfully solved.

The thesis is divided into three chapters. The first chapter briefly explains the nature of psychological profiling and its place in the scientific field. Next, the work deals with terminological definition of psychological profiling and its gradual development abroad as well as in Czech Republic. In the last two subchapters, there is a list of crimes appropriate for the method of profiling and requirements for a profiling expert.

The second chapter is divided into six subchapters concerned with the process of creating the psychological profile of an offender. The individual steps are described, the final one being a profiling expert presenting a complete picture of probable psychological and physiological characteristics of a wanted offender. One of the subchapters deals with the effectiveness of the created profiles in criminological practice.

The third, which is the last, chapter focuses on specific use of this method in investigation of rape crimes. This chapter includes an analysis of essential findings that are used by the profiling expert to create a profile of the rapist.