

## **Abstract**

The thesis is a descriptive study of female perpetrators of murder as viewed from the individual level, primarily focusing on the characteristics of the offender which could affect the murder, and the context of the murderous act. Following a theoretical examination, the empirical section presents the results of research in women's prison using an integrated research methodology of qualitative but also quantitative techniques of data collection and interpretation. The primary research analyzed prison's documents about murderers with the research sample consisting of all imprisoned women ie half of all incarcerated women in the Czech Republic. In-depth interviews were carried out with predominantly perpetrators of intimate homicides; other data collection techniques were used. The data detected the forms of murderous behavior of women, the typology of murder by motivation, mapping the social situation of female convicts in prison, selected attitudes of homicide offenders including the analysis of family murders. The results indicated that the prototype of homicides committed by women are intimate murders that fall within the largest group of intrafamily murder. The most common cause is a partner homicide conflict situations, long-term domestic violence and excessive alcohol consumption for both victim and perpetrator.