

Abstract

The bachelor thesis focuses on the information sources used by the Czech printed national serious daily newspapers (Deník N, E15, Hospodářské noviny, Lidové noviny, MF DNES, Právo) in their coverage of the Dozimetr case. The thesis uses quantitative content analysis to examine which information sources the dailies quoted in the first month after the beginning of the Dozimetr case. In June 2022, the police charged thirteen people in this case, including then-deputy mayor Petr Hlubuček and Zlín businessman Michal Redl, for alleged corruption in the Prague Transport Company. One of the objectives of the research is to determine the extent to which the media cited unnamed sources or non-public police documents. The alleged overuse of such sources is regularly repeated in discussions of media coverage of criminal cases. The theoretical part of the thesis summarises the typology of information sources, information sources used in criminal cases and the way information is provided from criminal proceedings according to Czech legislation and case law. It also presents the ethical challenges faced by the media in covering criminal cases. The results of the quantitative content analysis are also evaluated in qualitatively, which includes a critical assessment of the media's work and recommendations for potential future media research topics.