

# **Criminological Aspects of Organised Crime**

## **Abstract**

The aim of this thesis is to provide an insight to the formation and functioning of organized criminal groups together with work on their exposure.

In the first part of the thesis, it offers the basic characteristics of the terms organized crime and organized criminal group. It deals with organized crime in the Czech Republic and the impact of the recent COVID-19 pandemic. It distinguishes between the terms organized crime group and an organized group and displays why the definition is so important from a criminal law point of view.

The second part presents the perpetrators of organized crime, both from the point of view of their motivation for criminal activity, and from the point of view of the demands placed on such perpetrators. Finally, it divides the perpetrators into groups and analyses the perpetrators which are in the position of so-called white horses, including their criminal liability.

If we already have an idea about the perpetrators, we can continue in the third part with the very formation of organized criminal groups, namely the causes of their formation, the function of trust and violence, the expansion of the group with new members and finally also the personality of the leader.

In the fourth part the thesis continues by presenting basic structures into which the organized criminal group could develop.

The penultimate fifth part is devoted to the exposure of organized crime. Here, the thesis uses both criminological knowledge and criminal law institutes. It deals with the necessary cooperation of individual authorities for the successful detection of organized criminal groups and tries to identify and describe in more detail the weaknesses of the group.

The last part is devoted to the analysis of two cases of exposed organized criminal groups that were dealt with by the courts of the Czech Republic. The analysis is focused on the formation and structure of the group, the personality of the group leader, the relationships in the group, the institutes used to expose the group and the weaknesses of the group.