Abstract

This thesis deals with the institute of Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution with the special emphasis on the principles of restorative justice. Restorative justice focuses mainly on the repair of the relationships disturbed by the specific crime. Accent is placed on the needs and demands of the parties involved in criminal offence with the aim of finding a solution that is appropriate to the situation and acceptable to all parties of the conflict. The aim of this thesis is to explore ideological roots of restorative justice in relation to the institution of Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution, to evaluate to what extent are the principles and procedures of restorative justice embedded in the current Czech legislation on Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution and whether this institution is used in the spirit of restorative values in czech judicial practice.

The first part of the thesis introduces restorative justice and its main ideas in detail. Emphasis is placed mainly on the history of this concept, which presents the development of restorative justice from the times of prehistoric society to the present day, on the definition of the concept and on the principles and procedures that are essential for restorative practice.

In the second part of the thesis is the institution of Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution discussed in detail. In the individual chapters of the second part is introduced the historical development of this institution in the Czech Republic and the conditions under which Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution can be applied.

The third part of the thesis is devoted to the analysis of the current czech legal regulation of the institute of Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution. On the basis of this analysis and the synthesis of information from the previous parts of the thesis, de lege ferenda proposals and non-legal suggestions are made so the institution of Conditional Suspension of Criminal Prosecution could be used more effectively with regard to the principles of restorative justice.