

# **Sexually motivated murder and its investigation**

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with sexually motivated murder as a socially highly dangerous crime, its criminalistic and psychological aspects and the influence of these aspects on the methodology of investigation. The specifics of this crime must be taken into account throughout the investigation, which is reflected not only in the form of investigative procedures, but also in the urgency to solve the case quickly, given the high risk of recidivism and the level of social harmfulness. A distinctive feature of this crime is the personality of the perpetrator and the sexual motive, which shape the act committed and are reflected in the *modus operandi* and the criminalistic traces that are subsequently used as the basis for the criminalistic versions. Forensic psychology can be very helpful for the analysis of criminal traces and investigations. At the same time, this crime is characterized by the presence of biological and dactyloscopic traces that can contribute to the identification of the perpetrator or victim of unknown identity. The analysis of these traces is dealt with by dactyloscopy, which is a traditional method of criminalistic technique, and by forensic genetics, which is a young branch of criminal biology. Although cases of sexually motivated homicide are rather rare, it is essential to have effective investigative methods and procedures to enable this crime to be investigated quickly and efficiently.

The diploma thesis first focuses on defining the criminalistic characteristics of this crime, focusing in particular on the *modus operandi* and motive of the crime. Then the thesis deals with the methodology of the investigation of sexually motivated murder, mentioning possible investigative situations, criminalistic versions and other investigative actions aimed at the investigation of the case. A substantial part of the thesis is devoted to criminal traces and criminalistic techniques, specifically forensic genetics and dactyloscopy. Furthermore, the thesis deals with psychological profiling and its possible use in the investigation of a sexually motivated murder. The final part of the thesis is devoted to a domestic case study.

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