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Studies

Sanction policy in practice

Scheinost, M. *et al.*



This monograph summarises and analyses the opinions of judges, state prosecutors and probation officers based on practical experience with the application of selected sanctions. The opinions were collected by means of an expert questionnaire survey conducted within the research project “Theoretical and criminal policy aspects of the reform of the Penal Code in regard to criminal sanctions.” This survey was supplemented by an evaluation of court practice in the field of imposing and executing criminal sanctions in 2010 and 2011, conducted in cooperation with the research team and within this research project by the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic. The work follows up on a monograph published in 2013 called “Criminal sanctions and their reflection in practice, the press and public opinion.” Thus, after evaluating the role of the media and public opinion, this subsequent work offers an analysis by experts and findings from application practice.

Violent sex crime - a topic for experts and public

Blatníková, Š., Faridová P., Zeman, P.



In the monograph, the authors summarise the outcomes of the initial part of their research into violent sex crime in the Czech Republic. The book offers a detailed theoretical analysis of certain aspects of the issue using various sources, from legislation, specialised literature, and official documents, through to an opinion poll and media content analysis. The monograph should provide readers with an overview of the current state of knowledge in selected areas of the issue of violent sex crime, drafted from a critical distance, which should also contribute to the ongoing debate about suitable approaches to the perpetrators of sexual violence and measures to protect society from them (e.g. protective treatment or registration of offenders).

Analysis of Trends in Criminality for 2013

Marešová, A., Cejp, M., Holas, J., Martinková, M., Rozum, J.



The publication concerns statistical crime indicators (police and Czech Ministry of Justice statistics). It offers new information about offenders categorised by sex, age and recidivism, changes in the number of registered victims, some information about suicide and insights concerning organised crime in the Czech Republic and its development up to 2013. A special chapter is devoted to the trends in fears of specific forms of criminal activity among citizens based on surveys conducted by the Institute. The conclusion of the analysis is devoted to the matter of recidivism pertaining to the crime of theft, including proposals for possible amendment of the Penal Code based on the identified facts. The publication also includes a number of supplementary graphs, tables and appendices which follow up on the previous analysis of trends in crime.

Systemic Approach to Prevention of Juvenile Criminality

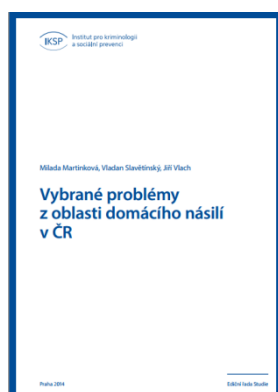
Štěchová, M., Večerka, K.



The monograph addresses an analysis of the attempted systemic approach to prevention of juvenile criminality in the Czech Republic and experiences so far with this system in operation. It draws on the results to date of a study entitled “The Early Intervention System as a Tool for Limiting Criminality” (hereinafter EIS) conducted in 2012-2015. The research project focusses on the functioning of EIS in separate localities, at mapping the experiences of officials from municipalities with extended powers with this system and also mapping concrete procedures implemented by social workers and field employees while working with problem clients within this system. The main aim of the research was to establish whether and under what conditions the applied procedures for dealing with children and youths at risk under the Early Intervention System are capable of eliminating or at least reducing the number of endangered juveniles engaging in delinquent activities.

Certain issues concerning domestic violence in the Czech Republic

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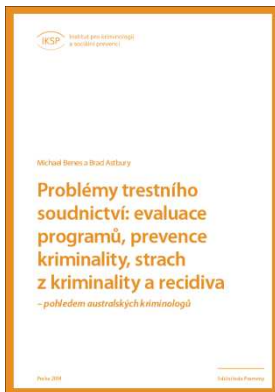
The monograph presents data acquired from two surveys focussed on inter-partner domestic violence. One of these surveys concerns female victims of inter-partner domestic violence seeking accommodation at asylum facilities due to the violent or otherwise offensive behaviour of their life partner. The second survey focuses on examination of cases of inter-partner domestic violence through analysis of judicial criminal files (with legally binding verdicts). The paper also contains nationwide data from the statistics of state bureaux (Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic) on the incidence of cases of domestic violence over the past few years (according to selected provisions of the relevant legislation) and presents information

concerning legal regulations for the prevention of domestic violence in the Czech Republic. In this respect, it informs on what corrective measures are currently applied to perpetrators of domestic violence.

Sources

Criminal Justice issues: Program Evaluation, Crime Prevention, Fear of Crime and Recidivism – as seen by Australian criminologists

Benes, M., Astbury, B. (eds.)



Atypically, collection of original texts by criminologists from the RMIT University in Melbourne has been published within the SOURCES series. The book is also unique because most parts, prepared specifically for the Institute's edition, are being published for the first time. The idea to prepare an original publication by Australian experts and publish it in an Institute edition ripened for several years, and now the result is being presented to the Czech expert public. In their texts, authors Brad Astbury, Michael Montalto, Ray Carroll and Michael Benes focus on the key areas of criminological interests – crime prevention and fear of crime prevention, which is presented to Czech readers from various aspects. The findings of our Australian colleagues are definitely worth sharing and taking inspiration from.

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