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Criminological Characteristics of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence

The article deals with the comprehensive criminological study of the offender who commits a domestic violence. It is revealed in details the structural elements of criminological characteristics of a person who commits violence against their family members: 1) social and demographic; 2) criminal and legal; 3) social and role; 4) moral and psychological. It is concluded that manifestations of human aggression and violence are diverse; and the wide range of each element of offender's structure proves it.

A general criminological portrait of offender who commits a domestic violence is described. A man at the age of 21–40 years old, married, with a secondary education, with problems of intellectual development, mainly without a permanent working place or a low-skilled worker, with features of deviant behaviour (addicted to alcohol and commitment of all types of crimes), has «distorted» social consciousness, a low level of social skills or affective mental disorders (with insanity) and commits acts of violence against his wife or children.

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