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Criminal Law and Psychological Characteristics of Serious Violent Crimes Committed by Juveniles

This article is devoted to the study of serious violent crime peculiarities committed by juveniles. The criminal law analysis on the basis of juridical psychology study of serious violent crimes committed by juvenile offenders. In this article we consider violent crime in pure form as illegal intended effect on the body of another person committed against the will of this person.

Criminal law and psychological analysis of diverse perspectives phenomenology of teenage violence has been done. Legal description of the composition of serious violent crimes has been made. The features of appearance and manifestation of various forms of violent crime among juveniles has been identified.

Methods of committing, accompanying circumstances, directed or instrumental nature of violent offenses may be different, but they do not affect qualification of an act by the relevant articles of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, which are signs of intentional assault on the security of life and health. The main forms of committing violent crime in general, and minors in particular is intentional physical or mental effect on the personality of the victim. Thus, the degree of public danger determined the immediate and remote consequences of violence, taking into account individual psychological characteristics of criminal and juvenile subject of a criminal offense.

On the basis of generalization of theoretical positions to the nature of violent crime, we analyzed relevant approaches to criminal law part of this category of crimes. This made possible to formulate the basis of the characteristics of violent crimes committed by juvenile offenders.

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