

## **Description for the General Public**

The aim of the project is to continue research on life-long prisoners, excluded from society and costly for the prison system.

Previous studies have shown that life prisoners were diversified, because they have different attitudes to their penalties and lives in prison, and differently adapting themselves to the conditions of the indefinite isolation.

What approach to the penalty do they have? What does it result from? How the prison system manage them and treat them? What the prison system requires well for them and what offer to them?

These are crucial research questions - essential not only for the science, but also for the society and the justice.

The number of life and long-term prisoners is increasing. To 2012 there were 300 murderers convicted for the life sentence. In April 2017 lawfully convicted was 405.

The increase of their population proves that the research on the justification k. d.p.in. and its execution is necessary. The research have a unique scientific and practical meanings – gives opportunity to describe and diagnose the important social phenomenon and legal and provide evidence that and how does the justice system – police, courts, prisons.

So far research conducted by us for the first time in Poland allowed for gathering the research material about 300 convicted for the life imprisonment; material collected on various stages of the justice and the life sentenced for almost 25 years.

Its continuation allows to create a database of publications, researchers, keywords, research glossary - concerning life sentence.

Research will allow us to reach judicial documents - usually a dozen or so tens of volumes, depending on the case, and prison documentation covering an average of 10 years of human life. We will also review the expert opinions of psychologists and psychiatrists, because tendentious and routine opinions are happening although the opinion “decides” on imprisonment on entire his life.

Personally we will reach the life of the prisoners, their families and the officers which they are usually working with, and we will make an interview with them.

An innovation and contemporaneity of life imprisonment is a reason of undertaking the research - there were so far no examinations about giving it opinion on experts in criminal matters or the usefulness and effects of applying the expert knowledge in the judiciary.

There was no research on the execution of life or extremely of long-standing penalty of imprisonment. The research are unique in terms of research problem, the group of perpetrators, sentenced at last to life imprisonment and methodology.

The research are taking into account the complexity and the richness of data about the history of the derailment, criminal career and personalities of perpetrators of the homicide. It includes the life history of prisoners, their families and prison staff.

Results of research will provide the arguments in scientific, social and public debate above the destination of execution of life and long-term penalties.

Does keeping the sentenced in the isolation by 30 years make sense? What are of it effects? Is it necessary for our safety? Whether prison "is saving" living not only the potential victims, but also the perpetrators, because is giving them the possibility of dissociating themselves from the violence or addiction, possibility of education and work? And gives them a lot of time.