

Criminal Procedure

English for Lawyers I.4

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Czech	English
vyšetřovat trestné činy	investigate crimes
zatknout a prohledat podezřelé	arrest and search suspects
uložit pokutu	impose a fine
odradit lidi od páchání trestných činů	deter people from committing crimes
padělat důkazy	falsify evidence
přijímat úplatky	accept bribes
shromažďovat důkazy	gather evidence
veřejně prospěšné práce	community service
podmíněný trest	suspended sentence
cela smrti	death row
tělesný trest	corporal punishment

Criminal Law

- Definition? ③
- Why do we need criminal law? What is its basic function?
- What is presumption of innocence?
- Punishment
 - Groups of 4-6

Punishment

- death (capital punishment, death sentence)
- imprisonment / exceptional punishment
- community service order
- deprivation of titles of honour and awards
- deprivation of a military rank
- prohibition of professional activity
- forfeiture of property / forfeiture of a thing
- pecuniary punishment / monetary fine
- banishment
- prohibition of abode / stay / residence

Quick revision: Crime vocabulary



Pachatel trestného činu

- Synonyms:
 - an offender
 - a criminal
 - a felon
 - a perpetrator

Criminal Procedure

Definition?

What are the parties to criminal proceedings?

- prosecutor / prosecution
- defendant

What ...

- do you remember about criminal procedure?
- are questions of fact?
- are questions of law?

A. Read the following speech. Who is speaking to whom? In each numbered blank a word is missing. Predict what the missing word is and check with a partner.

"You've listened to a long and complex case. .. murder in the first 1.degree ... a 2.pre-meditated murder is the most serious 3. charge tried in our courts... you've listened to the 4.testimony... you've heard the law read to you and interpreted as it applies in this case ... it's now your job to sit down and separate the facts from the 5.**fantasy**... one man is deadanother man's life is at 6. **stake** ... if there's a reasonable doubt in your minds 7.as to the guilt of the accused... a reasonable doubt... then you must 8.**bring** me the 9. **verdict** of not guilty ... if however there's no reasonable 10.**doubt** then you must in good 11.conscience find the accused 12.guilty ... however you decide your verdict must be 13. **unanimous** in the event that you find the accused guilty the 14. **bench** will not entertain a recommendation for 15.mercy ... the death sentence is 16.mandatory in this case... you're faced with a 17.grave responsibility ... thank you gentlemen."

...

"...the jury will now 18.retire"

B. Speaking: Exam Practice

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of the jury system.

C. Criminal procedure: Decide the order of individual steps in a criminal procedure

- 1. crime is reported
- 2. investigation by police
- 3. apprehension of suspect
- 4. charge of suspect
- 5. plea-taking
- 6. remand in custody
- 7. release on bail
- 8. trial
- 9. opening statements by counsel
- 10. interrogation direct/cross
- 11. closing statements by counsel
- 12. verdict by jury
- 13. judgment of judge
- 14. acquittal of accused
- 15. conviction of accused
- 16. sentence by judge
- 17. appeal against judgment

What does the **prosecutor** have to prove?

Actus Reus

- guilty act
- it's the action which is forbidden in the Code (or failure to do an action which is required to be done)
- the prosecutor has to prove that the accused did the deed which is forbidden by the Code

What does the prosecutor have to prove?

Mens Rea

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvrHS7Kd Z64
- guilty mind
- not only must the accused have done the deed, he must have had a criminal mind
- he must have intended to do it
 - knowlingly
 - recklessly

D. Fill in prepositions

- He was charged with murder.
- He was sentenced to 12 years.
- He was suspected of committing an offence.
- He was taken into custody.
- He was arrested on warrant.
- He was released on parole.
- He was convicted of an offence.
- He appealed **against** the sentence.
- He was arrested for an offence.
- He was released on bail.
- He was found guilty of the charge

E. Video – Arrest and Plea

- 1. You have the **<u>right</u>** to remain <u>silent</u>.
- Anything you say <u>can</u> and will be <u>used</u> against you in <u>court</u>.
- 3. You have a right to an **attorney**.
- If you are unable to hire an attorney one will be provided for you.
- 5. If you **waive** these rights and furnish information, you have the right to **stop** at any time.
- Translate Miranda Warning into Czech?
 Poučení o právech zadržené osoby

Plea

How can you plead?

- guilty
- not guilty

Definition of a *plea*?

A statement made by a person accused in court in answer to the charge.

(Collins Dictionary of Law)

Test



- 1. drug trafficking
- 2. zadržela na širém moři
- 3. claimed to have been victims
- 4. svévolné zbavení svobody
- 5. vzhledem k zadržení
- 6. police custody
- 7. right to liberty and security of person
- které byli vystaveni byla nezákonná
- 9. to be brought before a judge
- 10. oprávněného ze zákona

- 11. to exercise judicial power
- 12. in accordance with procedure
- 13. prescribed by law
- 14. concerned prosecution of Mr. K
- pro údajné spáchání válečného zločinu
- **16.** criminal investigation
- 17. Criminal Code
- **18.** found guilty of
- 19. mohou být odsouzeni k ...
- 20. nepodléhá promlčení

Test



- 22. umístěn do vazby v přípravném řízení
- 23. entered a not guilty plea
- 24. acts which he had been accused of
- 25. ani podle národního ani podle mezinárodního práva
- 26. no punishment without law



Definitions

community service

- punitive sentence requiring a convicted person to perform unpaid work for the community in lieu of imprisonment
- suspended sentence
 - a sentence of imprisonment that is not served by an offender unless he commits a further offence during its currency

Definitions

corporal punishment

 punishment of a physical nature, such as caning, flogging, or beating

capital punishment

the penalty of death for the commission of a crime

death row

 the part of a prison for housing inmates who have received the death penalty. Also called death house.

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