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**PORTRAIT IN THE METHODOLOGY OF CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
OF PERSONALITY OF STUDENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHO  
COMMITTS A VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST LIFE AND HEALTH OF INDIVIDUAL**

Methodology is a set of regulations and requirements of the theory of cognition, certain philosophical and dialectical laws and categories and logical principles, methods that science uses for description, study and analysis of various aspects of objective reality, as well as for discovering new ideas about them. Research is always an attempt to obtain new knowledge about the object of study, but in this case – about the personality of university student who commits a violent crime against human life and health. However, this attempt can be successful only given effective use of scientific methods.

Criminological studies use as many different scientific methods of research (hypothesis, system and structural analysis, historical comparisons, dynamic and statistical methods, etc.) and empirical sociological (study of documents, interviews, observation, experiment, etc.).

Criminological portrait promotes the development of scientific knowledge about the phenomenon of personality of offender. In contrast to the structurization, the result of criminological portraying is information model of university student who commits a violent crime against human life and health, which is not seen in static and dynamic state. This approach gives new properties to this system – the ability of self-regulation through informative exchange at macro- and meta-environment and thus justifies the feasibility of preventive work with university students towards preventing violent crimes against life and health.

