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## **CRIMINAL LAW DOCTRINE: SOME THEORETICAL AND ETYMOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION**

Criminal law doctrine is currently a household word for all who have some relation to science or consider themselves being engaged in science. Many publications are devoted to the crisis of modern criminal law doctrine, its prospects for further development and improvement (especially in the context of introduction and regulatory consolidation of the category of criminal offense).

In the present informational literature a basis for definition is its Latin version and the doctrine is understood as teaching, scientific or philosophical theory, belief system, leading political program.

The results of research allow drawing the following conclusions.

Criminal law doctrine is the authoritative scientific research that withstood the test of time and is concerned with crime and punishment for the act as a whole or individual institutions and rules of the criminal law.

Criminal law doctrine and criminal law concept are partly coincident categories. Only acknowledged criminal law concept can become criminal law doctrine.

The term of viability of the criminal law doctrine is much longer than the criminal law paradigm, and this confirms its basic and fundamental character in relation to the latter.

Criminal law doctrine differs from criminal law ideology by scientific validity and reasonableness of judgments.