

dead, documents on measures taken for their location;

– judgments on the grant of appropriate status to the child – status of orphan, disabled child or child deprived of parental care and grant of social assistance, pensions and alimony payments;

– the documents confirming that the administration took steps to grant and receive social assistance, pensions, alimony payments, temporary subsidy for children whose parents refuse to pay alimony payments, are unable to support the child or whose place of residence is unknown.

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THE CATEGORIES "PURPOSE" AND "EXPEDIENCY" IN CRIMINAL LAW OF UKRAINE

The article is devoted to the research of categories "purpose" and "expediency" in criminal law. Based on the analysis of legislation and scientific literature we suggested a definition of the purpose of criminal law and established the relationship between the purposes and objectives of criminal law. The article reveals the concept of expediency of criminal law.

Any area of law has its own specific purposes. Criminal law is no exception. The immediate purposes of criminal law are objectives embodied in the Criminal Code of Ukraine. The purposes of the criminal law, as well as any other objectives are achieved by certain means of criminal law. The means of criminal law to be understood in a broad sense, that is, each rule of criminal law is a mean to achieve certain purposes of criminal law. Quite a number of the dispositions of

the regulations, including the Criminal Code of Ukraine, are designed in such a way that they cannot be used without discretion or explanation. The enforcer has to choose a solution that would better reflect the matter of the statute and its purpose. The lawmaking activity includes the area of criminal law. In this regard, in each case, there is a need to choose such decision in lawmaking and enforcement activities that would help to achieve the outcome confirming with purposes of criminal law. This is the expediency of criminal law.

The expediency of criminal law should be understood as a choice of ways in lawmaking and enforcement activities in accordance with the purposes of criminal law and the specific mechanism of development of society and the state (where place and time should be taken into account).