SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT “FEMALE PERPETRATORS”

           The present project attempts an approach to the female criminality effect. The male gender was the main subject of analysis in previous studies carried out by criminologists and other researchers about criminality. Any reference to the female criminality was pretty short. After the second half of the previous century, when the women's movements appeared in the U.S.A and in other European countries, people started being interested in the female perpetrators. Specialists tried to interpret the female criminal or infringing behavior and its low expression based mainly on biological (hormonal disorders, genetic abnormalities) and psychoanalytical approaches. However, the interpretation factors of the low visible female criminality are mostly related to social approaches. To be more specific, they are related to the theory of learning or socialization, to the social role of the woman as it is built by the society and to the social control, either formal or informal, being exercised to women, mostly at a young age. The second part of the project is about the role of the criminal justice system and specifically the way the system and its competent bodies treat female perpetrators. It is an attempt to interpret the dominant opinion that female perpetrators enjoy a better treatment, the reason why this opinion has been established and it ends up whether it is true or not