

## Homicide committed in a state of profound psychiatric distress according to the Albanian Criminal Law

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### Abstract

This paper analyzes in a concise manner the main elements and causes that lead to the commission of the criminal offense of "Homicide committed in a state of profound psychiatric distress", according to the Albanian criminal code. The murder that is committed in a state of profound psychiatric distress, must meet certain conditions such as the objective side, the subjective side but also the subject of the criminal offense. In this paper, the elements that cause the commission of the criminal offense will be analyzed, such as profound psychological distress, Instantaneous shock, severe insult, violence, but also chronic. The paper will also focus on the analysis of the mitigating circumstances of the profound psychological distress provided by the Albanian criminal law. Crucial importance in this paper will be given to the comparison of the murder of the profound psychiatric distress seen in relation to the homicide committed in exceeding the limits of necessary defense.

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