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## PROPERTY CRIMES AND ITS ELEMENTS IN DUŠAN'S CODE

**Summary:** Property crimes, which, by positive incrimination, are systematized in the group of crimes against property in Chapter 21 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, No. 85/2005, 88/2005, 107/2005, 72/2009, 111/2009, 121/2012, 104/2013, 108/2014, 94/2016 and 35/2019) find their elements, basic forms, but also their meaning of execution in the form of the manner and intention of the executor, in the Dušan's Code. In medieval Serbia, where customary law was applied, this is the first legal act which covers all branches of law, and thus a part of criminal law. Although the Code was not systematized, property crimes and its elements were incriminated in several places. In terms of the elements of violent property acts that have found incrimination in Dušan's Code are violence, kidnapping, force, theft and robbery. The author first reviewed Dušan's Code, as the first written Law of Medieval Serbia, and then analyzed the incrimination of force (today's element of many property crimes), theft (today's independent and complex crime), kidnapping, violence and robbery hajdukovanje), in order to point out the influence and significance of this incrimination on today's positive application and criminal regulation of property acts.

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