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**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE FIRST
APPLICATION RESULTS OF ARTICLE 126-1 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE
OF UKRAINE**

In January 2019, the amendments to the Criminal and Criminal Procedural Codes of Ukraine, aimed at the implementation of the provisions of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and the fight against these phenomena, entered into force. The article is devoted to the research of the results of work of the National Police of Ukraine and judicial practice on combating domestic violence for the period from January to April 2019. The authors analyze statistical data and jurisprudence on the peculiarities of the current state of application of legislation aimed at counteracting domestic violence. First of all, Article 126-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, which criminalized systematic domestic violence.

It was established that during 4 months of 2019, 44697 applications, reports of domestic violence were registered by the National Police. In another words, 373 such applications were registered on average daily in Ukraine. According to the results of the examination of applications and reports of domestic violence during this period, 35,722 administrative violations were envisaged, stipulated in Article 173-2 of the Code of Administrative Procedure (which is almost 80% of the total number of applications). In 706 cases (almost 2%), signs of crime were established and pre-trial investigations started. In 2943 applications (about 7%) decisions have not yet been taken.

The overwhelming majority of crimes related to domestic violence, the criminal proceedings of which were completed by the end of April 2019, including the intentional light bodily harm (271). According to Article 126-1 of the Criminal Code, 163 crimes were counted, 59 of them were subjected to suspicion notification, 51 criminal proceedings were sent to the court with an indictment. According to eight criminal cases under this article, indictments have already been made, others are currently in trial. Then, the authors of the specially designed questionnaire analyzed all these court sentences and made suggestions on improving the work of the National Police, the Prosecutor's Office, and the courts in the field of combating domestic violence.

Keywords: domestic violence, crime counteraction, National Police of Ukraine, court, criminal liability.

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