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Introduction: The establishment of diminished responsibility is rather complicated in comparison to insanity, since it necessitates establishment of doubtless causal logical relation between the criminal situation and action.

The aim: To discover adaptive disturbances and socio-psychological peculiarities of persons with diminished responsibility.

Objective and method: Reviewing forensic psychiatric opinions in 162 cases of diminished responsibility established in Lithuania during 2006-2010 with a questionnaire created by the authors.

Results: 42% of the sample young males (18-29), 71% lower than education, 69% w/o profession and 76% unemployed, 83% no family, 82% no previous convictions, 56% acted under influence of alcohol, 45% trespassed against property, 31% - against human life and health. 79% confessed their perpetration. 120 had previous treatments in psychiatric hospitals (averagely 4 episodes) due to: mental retardation of various degrees (35%), organic disorders (16%), schizophrenia group disorders (12%). 42 cases were diagnosed just during forensic psychiatric examination as mentally retarded (46%), organic disorders (32%) and schizophrenia remission (15%). Passivity and dependence were characteristic of 70% of the sample (lack of initiative, rigidity, difficulty in searching solutions of situations). Asocial behaviour in childhood manifested in 84%, superficial judgments, low self-consciousness in 64%. 55% of them are benevolent, capable to establish and maintain emotional bonds.

Conclusion: Social factors and specific personality features influence criminality of persons with diminished responsibility. Emotional instability, suggestibility and lack of self-criticism restrain their resistance to temptation, capability to alternative actions in one or another situation.