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## **In Moscow, three accomplices start reading files of case over killings of people to get hold of their flats**



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against Vitaly Studenikin, Andrei Sizov and Valery Semyonov, charged with crimes under Part 2, items “g” and “h” of Article 105 of the RF Criminal Code (murder out of mercenary motives by a group of people in collusion).

According to investigation, no later than in 2011, Studenikin and his acquaintances concluded agreements of perpetuity with a number of elderly residents of Moscow, under which they got ownership of the residents’ flats in exchange for a lifetime support. However, in 2014, Studenikin decided to kill the elderly people because he did not want to meet the obligations and wanted to get quick illegal profit from selling those flats. To do that, he set up an organized group and recruited former criminals Sizov and Semyonov. The role of the latter two was to kill the victims by making them injections of a poison which led to a quick death and quickly disintegrated in the body making it hard to see the real cause of death.

The investigators have the evidence that the members of the said group tried to kill by the said way a 63-year-old man in New Moscow in the section of an apartment building he lived in. They could not finish the crime because the man fought back and eyewitnesses interfered. They also were involved in the attack on Tamara Khokhryakova, 64, in an apartment building on 4<sup>th</sup> Sokolnicheskaya Street,

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who then died of an injection of the poison in her flat, but had told her neighbor about the attack.

At present, the accused have started reading the files of the case. The investigation in other crimes committed by the accused is ongoing.

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