

In Belgorod Region, former surgeon found guilty of death of patient and jailed



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Belgorod Region Office of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former surgeon of the City Hospital No 2 of Belgorod Ilya Zelendinov. He was found guilty of crimes under Part 4 of Article 111 of the RF Penal Code and Part 2, item “a” of Article 116 (infliction of grievous bodily harm entailing death of the victim by negligence and hooliganism-related battery).

The court and Investigative Committee have revealed that on 29 December 2015, Zelendinov aware that a patient in the emergency room could not fight back, punched him with his hand in the face and in the torso. A certified and experienced doctor, Zelendinov was fully aware about possible consequences of hitting the patient into his vital organ, the neck, but treated it indifferently.

According to the conclusion of the forensic medical inquiry, the victim died of acute heart failure caused by the blow in the neck.

Zelendinov also hit the man who accompanied the patient and tried to stop the beating.

Zelendinov underwent comprehensive psychological evaluation which showed that he doesn't suffer from any kind of mental disorders.

During the preliminary investigation, the investigator found out all the details that had to be proved. All the witnesses (over 20 of them) were questioned, the hospital was searched, a number of forensic inquiries were run, whose conclusions made a basis for the conviction. The doctor's relatives and former colleagues were questioned to find out about his personality. Details were revealed that had contributed to the crime. 5 officials were disciplined following a request.

The court has sentenced Zelendinov to 9 years 2 months in a maximum-security penal colony and banned him from any medical activity for 3 years.

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