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## **Investigative Committee Chairman Alexander Bastrykin takes control over probe into illegal actions of doctors against veteran of Great patriotic War in Voronezh Region**



Chairman of the Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin has assumed control over the progress of the investigation opened by the Voronezh Region Office of the Investigative Committee into illegal actions of medical personnel against a veteran of the Great Patriotic War in Voronezh Region (Article 293 of the RF Penal Code – negligence).

According to preliminary information veteran of the Great Patriotic War Pavel Khokhlov was admitted into hospital with break of femoral neck in February. The emergency team that he had called had neither attendants to carry the man into the ambulance van nor a mobile X-ray machine. The paid ER had the machine, doctors put the man in plaster cast and offered two options – either the man rests at home or gets admitted in the hospital and gets an implant. The veteran preferred to stay at home, however, several days later he got worse and had to be hospitalized. He was put on the

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surgery and his relatives were offered to pay for it saying that this way there was much more chance that the patient may wake up from anesthesia. After the paid surgery was turned down, the doctors tried to have the veteran discharged from the hospital and agreed to let him stay in the hospital only after the public had interfered. While he was in the hospital, 200 rubles was stolen from the pocket of veteran's clothes.

Investigators have already confiscated veteran's medical documents and other necessary papers from the hospital, questioned the veteran, his nurse, witnesses and medical staff.

Mr. Bastrykin ordered the investigators to give legal assessment to the actions of the medical staff as well as timeliness and quality of the aid provided to the veteran, to identify the guilty ones and hold them answerable for their crime.

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