
Members of organized group get life for murders and other crimes in Moscow



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Vladimir Kornachev and Aleksandr Lyapin. Depending on the role of each one, they were found guilty of crimes under Part 2, items “a”, “d”, “g” and “h” of Article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of two or more people, women known by the killer to be pregnant, committed by a group of people in collusion and out of mercenary motives), Part 3 of Article 222 (illegal storage of firearms), Parts 2 and 3 of Article 158 (larceny) and Part 2 of Article 325 (stealing of documents).

The court and investigative have revealed that from 2001 to 2013, Vladimir Kornachev owned a print shop and wanted to get rid of his business partners who he thought did not let him reach his goals and employed a group of people as perpetrators including Alexander Lyapin, who was a police officer in Moscow Region while committing a number of crimes. For over ten years Kornachev, Lyapin and other gangsters committed crimes in the city of Moscow and Moscow Region including murder of six people. The most cynical crime was a murder of Kornachev’s 24-year-old girlfriend. The investigators believe that the man was afraid that the woman, who was in the 5th month of

pregnancy, would tell everybody about his adultery.

Five of six bodies were hidden by different ways, burned or buried in the city of Moscow and Moscow Region, making it very hard to find cause of their death. To do that the investigators worked out a stage-by-stage plan and questioned over 75 witnesses, carried out 9 on-site checks of testimonies using forensic equipment, ran over 60 forensic inquiries, including DNA, biological, portrait ones and others. They managed to collect enough evidence to prove that the accused were guilty of the crimes.

The court has sentenced Kornachev and Lyapin to life imprisonment to be served in a special-security correctional facility.

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