In Moscow, charges pressed against man involved in hostage crisis in bank

The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case against 55-year-old Aram Petrosyan. He is charged with a crime under Part 2, items "d" and "g" of Article 206 of the RF Penal Code (taking two or more hostages using an object as a weapon).

As was revealed before, on the evening 24 August 2016, the police got a report that an unidentified man was taking hostages in a bank in Moscow.

According to investigators, Aram Petrosyan came into the bank in Bolshaya Nikitskaya street in Moscow and took 4 people hostage threatening to set off a rectangular device that looked like an explosive object strapped to his chest. Few hours later the man released all the hostages and came out the bank.

During an interview Petrosyan explained that he had wanted to attract attention to his problem and had had no intention to kill the hostages. He admitted his guilt and gave the evidence.

As a main motive of the crime the investigators see the man's money problems and his inability to pay off his loans in different banks.

The investigators are going to request a court today to remand the accused in custody pending trial. The investigation is ongoing.

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