In Sverdlovsk Region, investigators taking all necessary measures to find out all details of child molestation during probe into negligence of officials



The Sverdlovsk Region Office of the RF Investigative Committee continues the investigation into a crime under Part 1 of Article 293 of the RF Penal Code (negligence).

According to investigators, in February 2016, four 13-year-old teenagers sexually abused a 10-year-old child in a settlement in Sysert District. The victim's mother reported the crime to the police in September when she had got first-hand confirmation that the crime had taken place.

Investigators believe that the crime became possible because officials responsible for prevention of offences among minors and their neglect had failed to take necessary measures. They are carefully looking in all the details of the crime, trying to find out reasons and conditions that had made possible for the crime to have been committed against the child; they are analyzing the role of each

of the parties to the prevention of child neglect and offences among minors. They are also going to give legal treatment to actions (omission) of parents, who had failed to teach their children what is right and what is wrong.

At present the investigators are gathering and registering evidence. All parties to the incident are being questioned in presence of their legal representatives, as well as their relatives and friends, officials of the local social services. The victim has been examined for possible injuries after the incident. Documents related to the work of the parties to the prevention of child neglect and offences among minors are being requested and studied. The victim is going through psychological rehabilitation with proper specialists.

It should be noted that at the moment of the crime the said four teenagers were not 14 years old, the age of criminal liability under the RF Penal Code. This is why they can't be prosecuted for a crime under Article 132 of the RF Penal Code (sexual abuse). At the same time, the Sverdlovsk Region Office of the Investigative Committee continues a separate pre-investigative check into the incident, during which they have filed a request to the juvenile commission and the said four teenagers are now taught at home. Moreover, an investigator requested a court to send the four offenders to a closed educational facility.

The negligence investigation and the procedural check into the crime committed by the teenagers against the child are ongoing.

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