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## **In Moscow Region, probe launched into death of child resulted from substandard medical aid**



The Moscow Region Office of the Investigative Committee has opened a case into unsafe medical services that led to the death of a 5-year-old girl by negligence (Part 2, item “c” of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code).

According to investigators, on 22 August 2016, the parents of the 5-year-old girl came into the Naro-Fominsk Dental Clinic complaining that the child had severe toothache. Dentists examined the child’s mouth and cleaned a root canal. Next week the girl spent at home with no complaints about her health. On 28 August her legs started to hurt and next day the parents went to a private clinic where she was X-rayed, diagnosed with sprain of ligaments and prescribed some treatment.

On 30 August 2016, the girl felt worse complaining about pain in all of her body, so the parents went to the emergency room of the Naro-Fominsk District Hospital. According to them, the staff failed to

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provide timely and qualified medical aid, instead they told the parents to take the girl back home and give her some painkillers. In the afternoon the child got worse and she was rushed into the emergency room of one of hospitals with fever. However, the parents refused to leave their daughter in that hospital for treatment. The doctors then gave them referral to a hospital in Moscow. But despite all the efforts the girl died in the evening.

The preliminary cause of death is cryptogenic sepsis. Investigators are going to find out which of the hospitals provided substandard and unsafe medical services that led to the death of the girl. A forensic medical inquiry is underway to find out the exact cause of death. All necessary documents have been confiscated from the hospitals that treated the girl. Questionings are underway. The investigation is ongoing.

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