
In Rostov-on-Don, Sergei Zirinov and members of gang found guilty of killing businessmen



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Major Cases Directorate of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former deputy of the Krasnodar Territory Legislative Assembly Sergei Zirinov, Karnik Aslanyan, Eduard Paladyan, Amar Suloyev and Anastas Tilgerov. Based on the verdict of the jury they were found guilty of crimes under Parts 1-3 of Article 209 (banditry), Part 2, items “a”, “f”, “g”, “h”, “j” of Article 105 (murder of two or more people committed out of mercenary motives by gang), Part 3 of Article 30, Part 2, items “a”, “f”, “g”, “h”, “j” of Article 105 (attempted murder), Parts 1 and 2 of Article 209, Article 222 of the RF Penal Code (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators have revealed that in 1999, Sergei Zirinov and Ambartsum Eyriyan set up a criminal group which at different time was joined by a court official Yevgeny Aleksandrovich, ex-police officer Igor Nekhayenko, Karnik Aslanyan, Eduard Paladyan, Amar Suloyev, Anastas

Tilgerov, as well as Dmitry Sapozhnikov and Andrey Miroshnikov. Before 2013, in Krasnodar Territory members of the gang killed CEO of ZAO Sanatorium Malaya Bukhta and his wife, as well as carried out attempts and killed other people. For their crimes they used firearms and disguise.

The group led by Zirinov and Eyriyan was a typical gang whose members planned their crimes carefully and distributed the roles in them. The gang had a considerable part of business in Anapa under their control. Those who tried to oppose the gangsters met their sad ends. CEO of ZAO Sanatorium Malaya Bukhta Vitaly Sadovnichy was killed for refusing to follow Zirinov's orders. After his death the shares of sanatorium were bought very and then resold.

Earlier a court sentenced Miroshnikov and Sapozhnikov, who had cooperated with investigators, to 13 and 16 years in prison respectively. Amar Suloyev died of disease during the investigation.

At present measures are being taken to locate and detain Eyriyan and Nekhayenko who are wanted around the world. In addition, the investigators are checking the information on involvement of gangsters to other crimes.

The court has sentenced Sergey Zirinov to 22 years in prison, Karnik Askanyan to 16 years, Eduard Paladyan to 16 years and Anastas Tilgerov to 15 years.

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