

Vladimir Region investigative authority looking into death 15-year-old athlete



The Vladimir Region Office of the Investigative Committee have opened an investigation in a crime under part 2 of Article 109 of the RF Penal Code (negligent homicide) and are looking into the circumstances surrounding the death of a 15-year-old during a boxing championship.

As has been revealed, the athlete of a sports school for children and youths was allowed to take part in the annual interregional boxing championship based on an application filed by a coach and a medical report which stated that the teenager was healthy.

On 5 November 2016, a referee had to stop the fight after the teenager had got several blows to the head and basically was knocked down for the second time. The boxer was able to get off the ring, but then felt worse.

A medical worker on call tried to render him first medical aid. When an emergency medical team arrived they tried to resuscitate the teenager, but he died in the ambulance van.

Today, 7 November 2016, the investigator has received preliminary results from experts. They say

that the boy died of a brain injury aggravated by a fracture (crack) skull base and a focal brain hematoma.

Most likely that the injury was triggered by a blow to the jaw received during the fight. The experts will be able to determine if there is a cause and effect relation with a trauma the victim had sustained earlier, only after some more examinations.

The investigator has already carried out some investigative operations to find out all the details of the tragedy, questioned medical workers, the staff of the sports school, participants of the championship, confiscated the championship documents and medical papers.

The investigators are going to find out all the circumstances. Along with other factors, it is known that the organizers of the championship involving underage athletes failed to bring an emergency medical team to be around during the whole event. The investigation is ongoing.

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