
In Kirov Region, CEO of company found guilty of plotting contract murder of his rival, owner of network of supermarkets in Tula Region

A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Kirov Region Office of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict CEO of OOO Lakmin Valery Bokatyev. He was found guilty of a crime under part 3 of Article 33, Part 1 of Article 30, Part 2, item "h" of Article 105 of the RF penal Code (organization of a contract murder).

The court and investigators have revealed that Bokatyev was the CEO of OOO Lakmin, a limited liability company of retail food sale in Moscow and Tula Regions. His main rival in Tula was OOO Spar Tula. In summer 2015, the accused decided to kill his competitor because some of his staff and managers had gone over to him. He started to look for a hitman who would kill for 3 million rubles. Bokatyev gave an order to his subordinate, director of security department of Kalmin Alexander Batov to find a killer. Batov agreed and arrived in the town of Kirov to do that.

During multiple meetings in Kirov, Bokatyev via Batov gave the supposed killer necessary information and 250 thousand rubles. He also controlled the progress and the result of negotiations between his subordinated and the killed and wanted to supervise the murder. In early 2016, Bokatyev ordered to disguise the murder of his competitor as his disappearance and told the killer that he was ready to pay him 4 million rubles for that.

On 9 February 2016, law-enforcers staged the murder of the CEO of Spar Tula in the town of Tula and disguised it as his disappearance. Batov and Bokatyev were detained by investigators and operative services in Moscow Region on 11 and 12 February and later were delivered to the town of Kirov. The hit was prevented thanks to efficient work of the investigators. Both men were taken to custody pending trial.

The evidence was based mainly on the materials of investigative and search operations carried out by law-enforcers and on the testimonials given by witnesses. The investigator identified and questioned more than 20 witnesses who in 2015 had gone to work from OOO Lakmin to OOO Spar Tula. The investigators managed to get into psychological contact with Batov and he gave evidence against his boss.

The court has sentenced Bokatyev to 8.5 years in a maximum-security correctional facility.

Earlier Batov got 4 years in a maximum-security correctional facility.

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