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## **In Kemerovo Region, probe launched into death of child in swimming pool**



Dead body of a 12-year-old boy with no traces of violent death was found in the swimming pool of a sports center in the town of Novokuznetsk about 4 PM, 14 January 2017. The Kemerovo Region Office of the Investigative Committee immediately launched a preliminary check and following its results opened an investigation in provision of unsafe services that entailed death of a person by negligence under part 2, item “c” of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code.

Investigators believe that on that day a company of several local residents and their three teenage sons played sports at the sports center and then went to the swimming pool. At some point, the adults went away leaving the teenagers in the swimming pool. A short time later, one of the teenagers told the adults that the 12-year-old boy was not showing any signs of life.

The men pulled the boy from water, called an ambulance and tried to administer first medical aid.

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The investigators have information that they did not get any qualified aid from the facility's staff. Medics tried to resuscitate the boy, but had to certify his death.

At present, investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances surrounding the incident. A forensic medical examination of the body has been ordered to find the cause of death. The investigators are going to see if the organization had the right to operate the swimming pool, if the facility had qualified instructors, lifeguards or other staff no-one of whom were to be found at the very moment when the child's life depended on their actions. The investigation is ongoing.

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