
In Omsk Region, two investigations opened after media report about tortured teenager



The Omsk Region Office of the Investigative Committee has thoroughly analyzed reports made by a number of mass media on torturing a helpless teenager. A decision to open two investigations into torturing a minor or helpless person and negligence under Part 2, item “d” of Article 117 and part 1 of Article 293 of the RF Penal Code respectively has been made following the results of a preliminary check that was launched immediately upon learning the information.

According to investigators, on 14 January 2017, a drunk 37-year-old woman from the settlement of Muromtsevo, Omsk Region beat her 14-year-old retarded son with a poker. She did that to punish him for having criticizing her for being drunk again. The woman then turned the boy outside without a coat or shoes. While the helpless barefoot boy was freezing in 30 degrees below zero, his mother at ease locked up the door and went to bed. The boy spent an hour outside and suffered frostbite to his toes. He could have suffered irreparable damage if not for his grandmother, who came to visit her

grandson and took him to hospital. At present, the boy is getting all necessary medical aid.

Looking into the circumstances and reasons for the incident, the investigators came to a conclusion that the boy may and should have been protected against tortures much earlier, if only respective authorities had done their job properly and had come to check on the family. The investigators have information that the woman has been abusing alcohol while raising three children and has been stripped of custody over her 11-year-old son. This is why the investigators opened proceedings not only against the woman suspected of torturing her own helpless child, but against officials of Muromtsevo District custodial authorities suspected of negligence.

In addition, the investigators asked to withdraw criminal proceedings against the same woman suspected of failure to discharge the duties of bringing up a minor under Article 156 of the RF Penal Code from the police and to transfer it to the Omsk Region Office of Investigative Committee for further investigation.

At the present time, a number of investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances surrounding the incident. As soon as the investigators get files from the police, the proceedings against the woman will be joined to form a single lawsuit. The investigation is ongoing.

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