

Four found guilty of killing Andrei Gosht and five members of his family in Samara Region



The jury have recognized the evidence collected by the third department of the Investigative Committee's Directorate (based in the city of Nizhny Novgorod) sufficient to hand down a guilty verdict to Makhmadali Akhmadov, Roman Fataliyev, Islav Babayev and Orkhan Zokhrabov. Depending on the role of each one they were found guilty of crimes under Part 4, times "a" and "c" of Article 162, part 2, items "a", "g" and "h" of Article 105, part 3 of Article 30, Part 2, items "a", "c", "g" and "h" of Article 105 of the RF Penal Code (robbery, murder of two or more people, attempted murder of a minor).

The court and investigators have established that residents of Shigony District, Samara Regions Akhmadov and Fataliyev set up an organized criminal group in early April 2016 to commit thefts and robberies, and involved acquaintances of theirs from the town of Syzran Babayev and Zokhrabov. On the night of 24 April 2016, all of them arrived at the settlement of Ivashevka, where they picked a house for robbery, got on Gosht's property through a hole in the fence and entered into the house through the unlocked door. Moving from room to room the accused beat sleeping family members using a wooden bat and spade hafts. Having killed two men, four women and attempted to kill a 7-year-old girl, the men stole some not very valuable things from the house and took off. The survived girl was taken to hospital next day in grave condition.

The investigative authorities had to conduct a thorough investigation in the shortest possible time. Working methodically and persistently, the investigators and operatives of the Samara Region Office

of the Federal Security Service and Directorate of the Interior Ministry identified and held the involved, found out the details of the crime, restored the events that preceded and followed the murder, gathered evidence and found stashes of stolen things within the first 10 days after the crime.

The investigators conducted more than 800 interrogations, 120 searches and seizures, 50 examinations of crime scene, objects and documents, ran 230 forensic DNA, dactylographic, medical and other tests. All possible reasons for the crime were looked into, and a mercenary motive, that is robbery-related murder was confirmed. The investigators also revealed that nobody of the accused were aware that there was a police officer in the house during the crime.

The court will pass a sentence based on the verdict.

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