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## **In Kemerovo Region, local resident charged with killing girl whose body found today**



The Kemerovo Region Office of the Investigative Committee continues investigating disappearance of a 12-year-old girl in the town of Novokuznetsk. A 40-year-old local resident has been charged with a murder of a child under Part 2, item “c” of Article 105 of the RF Penal Code. Following a request filed by investigators the accused has been remanded in custody pending trial.

At about 7:15 PM, 26 January 2017, the girl left home and never came back. Investigators and police officers, rescuers, military servants and volunteers looked for her round the clock for several days. Forensic experts of the Investigative Committee’s Forensic Directorate and an officer of the Interior Ministry’s Crime Detection Directorate arrived in Novokuznetsk to provide practical aid and guidance.

During investigative and search operations it was revealed that a 40-year-old local resident may have

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been involved in the crime. The investigators and forensic experts searched his house using high-tech forensic equipment and found blood. It was processed in the shortest time and the results showed that it belonged to the missing girl. The man is now in detention and is being interrogated.

The girl's body was recovered from a ventilation drift during a special operation involving employees of the Emergency Ministry, SAR service, Investigative Committee and Kemerovo Region Police Department. The specialists had to work under extremely dangerous conditions for several hours. The drift was full of methane and it was too narrow to get inside and pull the body out.

A lot of work has been done. The investigators identified and interrogated driver and conductor of a bus, the girl were to take to get home, and possible eyewitnesses: taxi drivers who were driving at the time of the crime, motorists. The search party checked all the places where teenagers like to come together, 41 blocks of flats, attics, basements. The investigators conducted dozens of interrogations paying special attention to ex-cons.

The investigators have ordered a number of forensic examinations including a DNA test. They are also going to find out the reasons for and circumstance surrounding the crime. Necessary investigative operations are underway.

In the near future the investigators are going to identify the body. A postmortem should find cause of girl's death and how long has she been dead.

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