

Investigators looking into attack on police officers in Astrakhan Region



The Astrakhan Region Office of the Investigative Committee continues the investigation in killing traffic police officers on the night of 4 April and wounding an officer of the Russian Guards on the night of 6 April 2017. The cases were opened in attempt on law enforcers under Article 317, illegal storage of firearms and ammunition under Article 222 and stealing of weapons under Article 226 of the RF Penal Code.

As became known earlier, at about 12:27 AM on Tuesday some unknown people shot at two traffic police officers on duty near Magistral shop in Avtozapravochnaya Street in Leninsky District of Astrakhan. The attackers shot the officers to death, stole their service guns and then fled.

4 attackers on traffic police officers were identified quickly and are now wanted. Yesterday night, officers of the Russian Guards found a car with the accused inside in the town of Astrakhan. During

a pursuit the accused fled to an industrial building. When offered to give up, they started firing at law enforcers. All four of the attackers were killed in the shootout, while three officers of the Russian Guards were wounded, one of them severely.

Residences of all four of the men were searched. An audio record seized from Kukulayev's contained his extremist statements and urges to committing crimes.

It is known that the car the attackers used that night was not theirs and now the investigators are looking for the driver who may have been assaulted as well.

The investigators are going to check all acquaintances of the attackers to see if they had been involved in other crimes.

The investigators believe that the reason behind the assault was hostility towards law enforcers and the desire to get hold of the weapons to use them in other crimes including murders of police officers.

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