
Charges pressed against four detained during unauthorized rally in Moscow



The Major Cases Directorate of the Investigative Committee continues the investigation in disorderly conduct under Article 213, an attempt on a law-enforcer under Article 317 and use of violence against a representative of authority under Article 318 of the RF Penal Code after an unauthorized rally that took place in Pushkinskaya Square in Moscow on 26 March 2017.

The investigation has established that Alexander Shpakov, 40, Stanislav Zimovets, 32, Yuri Kuli, 28 and Andrei Kosykh, 31 are involved in the use of violence against a representative of authority under Article 318 of the RF Penal Code. All of them were detained by the police and have been charged.

According to investigators, during the unauthorized rally all of them used violence against representatives of authority. Shpakov, for example, hit a police officer several times in the face when trying to get in a police bus with other detained inside in Tverskaya Street. Kosykh hit a police

officer on the head by the Tverskaya metro station and kicked another one in the head in Malaya Dmitrovka Street. The policeman fell and blacked out. Zimovets threw a brick in the back of a Russian Guard officer near Pushkinskaya Square. He then ran to mix with the crowd, changed his clothes, put his jacket in a backpack and took out a non-fatal gun. He then went back to the square and continued urging the present to mass riots. Kulyi attacked a policeman.

By now the investigators have gathered compelling evidence, including surveillance footage confirming that the suspects were involved in the crimes. Kosykh and Kulyi have pleaded guilty and given testimonies.

The investigators argue that the organizers of the unauthorized rally misled citizens by claiming that the rally had been authorized in due order.

The rest of the suspects are being questioned. The investigation is ongoing.

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