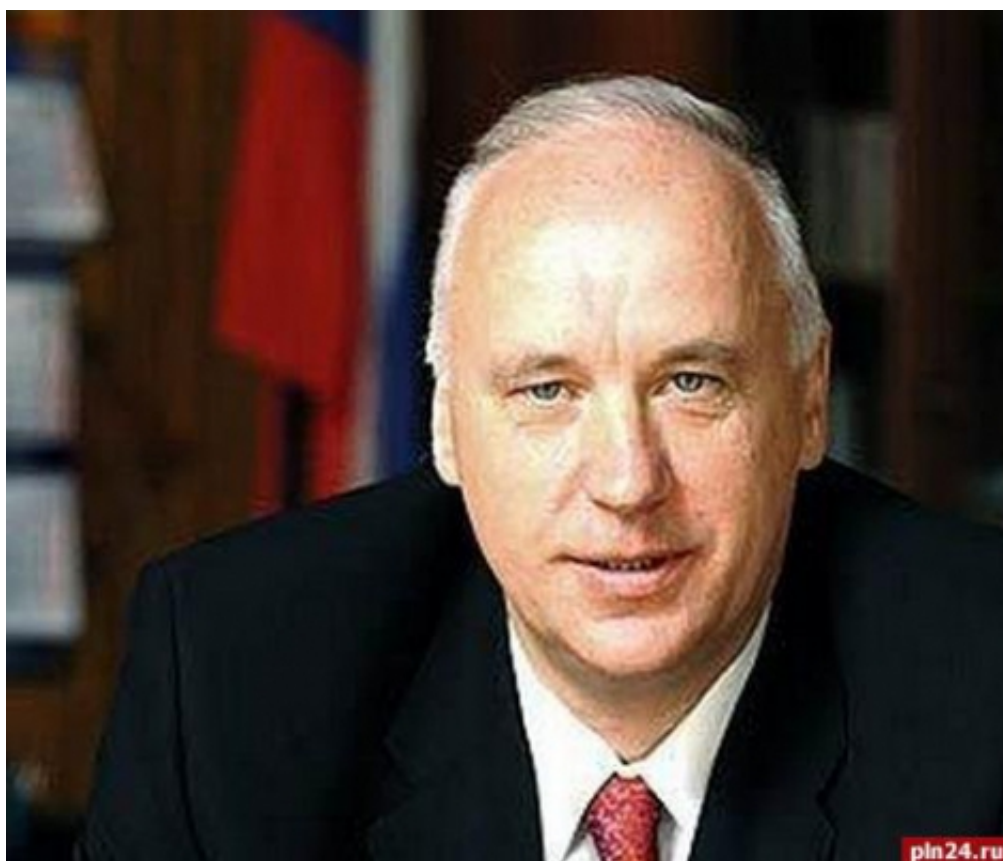

Following order of Investigative Committee Chairman Investigative Committee's Volgograd Region Office takes over probe into kidnapping of child in Rostov Region



The Volgograd Region Office of the Investigative Committee continues investigations into the murder of an adopted boy under Part 2, item “c” of Article 105 and criminal negligence of officials of the Chernyshkovsky District Administration who failed to check living conditions of the adopted children and did not notice that one of them had disappeared long ago under Part 2 of Article 293 of the RF Penal Code.

By investigators have questioned more than 50 people, including suspects, witnesses and neighbors of the suspects. According to the foster mother the boy died of a scald he got when he overturned a saucepan with hot water. The woman did not get a doctor, and when the boy died buried the body in the courtyard.

The investigators have questioned the district doctor from the town hospital who told them that since January 2017 she had been inviting the mother with the children to the hospital to get an examination and vaccines, but the woman named a lot of reasons not to come and then stopped answering the phone. The doctor regularly reported to the guardianship authorities, but had no response from the consultant of the administration's education and guardianship department in charge of the family. The said consultant is now suspected of criminal negligence. The investigators have revealed that for the past two years she visited the family only once in March 2016.

As the boy's kidnapping was plotted in Volgograd Region, where the murder of the adopted boy took place, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee has ordered that the investigation in the kidnapping of the boy in the town of Morozovsk, Rostov Region should also be taken over by the Volgograd Region investigative authority and be merged with the murder investigation.

The investigators are going to find out the motives of all the crimes and document the evidence, but to look into the circumstances under which the children were adopted and to give legal assessment to the actions or omission of particular officials of the guardianship authority who should have checked the boy's living conditions in the foster family and see to it that rights and legal interests of the children raised in foster families were respected and defended.

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