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## **Sentence passed in murder of teenager committed over 20 years ago in Ulyanovsk**



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Ulyanovsk Region Office of the Investigative Committee as sufficient to convict Yan Yurchenko, 41. He was found guilty of a premeditated murder committed by a group of people in collusion under item “m” of Article 102 of the RSFSR Criminal Code.

According to investigators, on 2 June 1996, the drunk accused and two of his relatives hit a 15-year-old boy with a spade on his head in the woods near the settlement of Krasny Yar, Cherdakly District, Ulyanovsk Region. After the teenager stopped giving any signs of life they dumped his body into a ditch and buried.

For a long time, the men were wanted and hiding in other regions of Russia, while one of them used a forged passport. Despite all that, the Ulyanovsk Region investigators continued working actively to solve the major crime and catch the murderers. During the investigation, specialists matched the pictures before and after the man got the forged passport and confirmed that both pictures had one and the same man whose bolo had been issued by the police.

In addition, necessary expert examinations were ordered, including forensic medical and psychiatric ones. The accused was detained in another region. With all the evidence against him, the man

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pleaded guilty. The court has sentenced Yurchenko to 9.5 years in a maximum security correctional facility. The rest murderers are still wanted.

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