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## Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area-Yugra court arrests relatives of 12-year-old girl suspected of torturing her



The Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Area-Yugra office of the Investigative Committee continues investigation in beating and torturing a 12-year-old citizen of Tajikistan under Part 2, items “c” and “g” of Article 112 and Part 2, items “d” and “f” of Article 117 of the RF Criminal Code.

According to investigators, the girl arrived in the town of Surgut from Tajikistan in September 2015 on permission of her parents and since then has been living in a family of her relatives – a couple with three small children.

The man and woman had been beating the girl for a long time. A forensic medical examination qualified the girl’s traumas as moderately severe injuries. The investigators charged the 31-year-old woman and the 39-year-old man with malicious injuring under Part 2 items “c” and “g” of Article 112 and torture under Part 2, items “d” and “f” of Article 117 of the RF Criminal Code.

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The investigators asked courts to remand the accused in custody pending trial to ensure that they would not escape or press their small children, who are witnesses in the case. Court has granted the request. Under the criminal procedure legislation, the children of the accused have been put in a social facility. Doctors have found no visible injuries on them, but the investigators have ordered forensic medical examinations to see if they have any traumas at all.

The investigators have found the girl's parents. Her father has been working in Irkutsk Region. By Now, he has arrived in Surgut and is being questioned. The girl's mother lives in Tajikistan, so the investigators are going to send legal assistance requests to competent bodies of Tajikistan.

The investigators are now working to find out all the circumstances, reasons and contributing factors of the crimes. Considering that the girl is a foreign citizen and has not left Russia since 2015, the investigators are going to question migration officials. If they find neglect, they are going to give legal assessment to their actions (omission).

The progress and results of the investigation are controlled by the Investigative Committee's Central Office.

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