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## Sentence passed over death of child in faulty elevator in Moscow



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee as sufficient to convict electrician Aleksei Goncharenko and chief superintendent engineer Aleksei Titov of MOS OTIS company. They were found guilty of unsafe services entailing death of a person under part 2, item “c” of Article 238 of the RF Criminal Code.

The court and investigators have established that on 19 December 2015, a couple with their 10-month-old baby in a pram were getting inside the elevator in an apartment building in Ostrovityanov Street in Moscow. Because of failure of safety system, the elevator squeezed the pram with the baby inside and started moving down. The baby died at the scene.

The investigators found out that the elevator had had no maintenance provided for by elevator service, maintenance and safety norms and this had been overlooked. The investigators studied and analyzed technical documents and regulations, engineering documents, ordered and ran forensic technical examinations, the conclusions of which and other evidence proved the accused guilty of the crime.

The court has sentenced Goncharenko to 3.5 years and Titov to 2 years in a minimum-security correctional facility.

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