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## Two gangsters to stand trial for robberies



The Head Office of the Investigative Committee has finished criminal proceedings against Artur Galiaskarov and Marsel Zaripov charged with robbery under Part 3, items “a” and “b” of Article 161, 3 counts of assaults related to robbery and plotting a robbery committed by an organized group on a very large scale under Part 4, items “a” and “b” of Article 162 and illegal storage of firearms under Part 2 of Article 222 of the RF Criminal Code. The latter is also charged with being a member of an illegal armed group under Part 2 of Article 208, being trained for committing acts of terror under Article 205.3 and illegal storage of drugs under Part 2 of Article 228 of the RF Criminal Code.

According to investigators, from 2012 to 2015, Galiaskarov and Zaripov while being members of gangs committed a number of felonies connected with stealing assets worth over 30 million rubles from OAO Zapsibkombank, OOO Osten, OOO Agat and OOO PG UralVtorMet in Tyjmen and Sverdlovsk Regions.

In addition, Zaripov arrived in Syria in December 2014 and joined Jaish al-Muhajireen wal-Ansar, an illegal armed organization, prohibited in Russia and was trained in their training camp as an insurgent until March 2015. Back in the city of Yekaterinburg in August 2016, Zaripov purchased and stored a large amount of drugs without intention to sell.

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Galiaskarov and Zaripov together with other members of the gang planned a robbery of a businessman, took all necessary measures to prepare for it, but couldn't follow through.

The investigators have enough evidence, so the criminal case with the signed indictment has been referred to court.

The gangs were broken up and cases against other members were severed to form separate criminal proceedings and are now being tried in court.

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