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## **In Altai Territory, official of Zarinsk City Administration faces charges of neglect of duty entailed local citizen to offend children under guardianship**



The Altai Territory Office of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation pressed charges into an offence under Part 1 of Article 293 of the Criminal Code of Russia (neglect of duty) against a chief specialist of Education Department of Zarinsk City Administration.

According to the investigation, in 2017 and 2018, the female official of the Administration failed to introduce the law-granted policy on protection of the rights of minors under guardianship of a local citizen. Despite the fact that during that period information on inflicting bodily injuries to one of the girls guarded was repeatedly reported to the guardianship and custody agencies, the accused did not draw up an act of examining the child's living conditions, and did not report offence at the 7-year-old girl to law enforcement authorities, which prevented an impartial understanding of the circumstances of the incident. In addition, said official of the Administration sanctioned custody of a 9-year-old

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boy, which resulted in his female guardian's continuous beating him and doing him harm of moderate severity in September 2018.

Thus, the accused allowed all the children under the guardian of said woman to live in socially dangerous conditions, while failing to use the powers granted to her by the law to remove the guardian from performing the duties assigned to her.

The Altai Territory Office of the Investigative Committee of Russia filed a motion to the court to temporarily remove chief specialist of Education Department of Zarinsk City Administration. The investigative actions are being taken required to define all the circumstances of the committed offense. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

Moreover, the criminal investigation continues into the 44-year-old resident of Zarinsky District, the guardian of the wronged children. Earlier, the Altai Territory Office of the Investigative Committee of Russia had pressed charges against the woman for committing offenses under Paragraph C of Part 2 of Article 112 of the Criminal Code of Russia (infliction of injury of average gravity to a minor); Paragraph D of Part 2 of Article 117 of the Criminal Code of Russia (infliction of suffering against obvious juvenile); and Article 156 of the Criminal Code of Russia (failure to discharge the duties of bringing up a minor). Upon an initiative of the investigation, the children under the guardianship of the accused had been removed from it; the matter of their further arrangement is being decided at the moment.

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