

## **Criminal investigation into provision of services failing to meet requirements to safety of consumers' life and health, causing death of 13 people in Tver Region, referred to supervision of Central Office of Investigative Committee of Russia**



The Directorate on Major Crimes Investigation of the Tver Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation opened a probe into provision of services failing to meet requirements to safety of consumers' life and health, causing death of 13 people, including the driver, by negligence (Part 3 of Article 238 of the Criminal Code of Russia) with reference to a vehicle accident featuring two buses taken place at a section of the road near Nekrasovo rural settlement of Tver Region.

According to the investigation, on October 5, 2018, at the 24th kilometre of the Tver-Rzhev highway near Nekrasovo rural settlement of Kalinin District, moving from the side of Staritsa towards Tver, a

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driver at the wheel of a Ford Transit minibus had breached the road traffic regulations and caused a vehicle accident featuring a LiAZ bus, when providing services on organized transportation of a group of people that had not met requirements to safety of consumers' life and health, being the responsible representative of the carrier, TransAvto LLC. As a result of the accident, 13 people had died from injuries, 12 of which had been the passengers of the Ford Transit minibus, and its driver. A Ford Transit bus passenger, and a LiAZ bus driver and its passenger had been transported to a medical institution in Tver with bodily injuries of varying severity.

Investigators and forensic experts of the Regional Directorate, as well as of the Main Forensics Directorate of the Central Office of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation continue to examine the scene. In addition, the investigation is assisted by employees of the Tver Regional Office of State Road Supervision of the Federal Service for Transport Supervision.

Design documents and data on activities on provision of safety during the passenger traffic were requested from the vehicles operators. A set of required activities are ongoing, aimed at establishing of circumstances of the crime committed, as well as at collection and preservation of the evidence base.

The investigation is under supervision of the Central Office of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation.

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