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## **Investigative Committee of Russia challenges decision on annulled probe into law enforcement officer obstructing the work of investigator in Balashikha**



The Moscow Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia continues investigation into a tenth-grade student of one of Balashikha schools committing unlawful acts against a first-grade student. To remind, the probe was launched under Article 132 of the Criminal Code of Russia; the court ruled to keep the defendant in custody.

Upon thorough examination of all circumstances of the committed offence, on November 14, 2018, the Investigations Directorate decided to launch a probe into a police officer of Balashikha private security department. He is suspected of committing an offence under Part 3 of Article 294 of the Criminal Code of Russia (obstruction of preliminary investigations committed by a person using their official position).

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According to the investigation, said officer came to the office of the senior investigator of Balashikha Urban District Investigative Department that was processing the probe into his minor relative committing sexual violence against a child. The officer was discharging his official duties, wearing a uniform and being armed with a service weapon.

Willing to help his relative and to obstruct a full and comprehensive investigation, the suspect demanded from the investigator to elect a preventive measure for his nephew that would not be related to deprivation of freedom. Following his illegal activities, he offered the grandparents of his relative to refuse from testifying and taking part in investigative activities. Performing the said activities, the suspect obstructed the investigation of the crime committed against the minor child.

On November 16, 2018, the Balashikha District Prosecutor's Office of Moscow Region annulled the probe into said citizen. The Investigations Directorate has challenged this decision before the Deputy Prosecutor of Moscow Region.

It must be noted that the Investigative Committee of Russia is intended to establish all circumstances of the crime against the minor in a full and comprehensive measure.

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