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## **Investigation into members of GTA gang attempted escape from custody finished**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished the investigation into the escape from custody, encroachment on the life of law enforcement officers, and stealing of their firearms committed by defendants nicknamed “the GTA gang” in media, in the Moscow Regional Court on August 1, 2017.

According to the investigation, defendants Kholik Subkhanov, Fazalitdin Khasanov, Abdumukim Mamadchonov, Mirzomavlon Mirzosharipov, and Khazratkhon Dodokhonov conspired to perform a joint escape from custody. On August 1, 2017, said defendants attacked their escort guards in an elevator in the Moscow Regional Court and encroached on their lives.

Having stolen the guards’ service weapons and escaped the custody, the defendants opened fire against the police and National Guard trying to prevent the escape and protect people in the court building. The followed shooting resulted in four of the five attackers getting mortally injured. Dodokhonov was delivered to a hospital where he received the required medical assistance. A grave injury was inflicted upon an officer of the National Guard, while two police officers received

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injuries of medium severity.

The investigation has examined all the circumstances of the attack and established causes and conditions that contributed to it. It was established that the first to attack the National Guard officers was Dodokhonov who survived. At the moment, he has already been sentenced for other crimes committed within the gang.

Upon the gathered evidence, Dodokhonov was charged with offences under Part 3 of Article 313; Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 226; Part 2 of Article 35; and Article 317 of the Criminal Code of Russia (escape from custody; stealing of weapons; encroachment on the life of a law enforcement officer).

The investigators gathered enough evidence for the criminal case to be transferred to the Prosecutor's Office to approve an indictment.

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