Court rules over man committed terrorist attack in Saint Petersburg store



The evidence gathered by the Main Directorate on Major Crimes Investigation of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation was found to be sufficient by the Moscow District Military Court to subject to enforced medical measures a Leningrad native that committed a terrorist attack in Saint Petersburg Perekrestok store on December 27, 2017.

According to the investigation, the man made an explosive device and decided to detonate it in a public place. He placed a mobile storage device with a text file listing motives of his actions in the immediate distance from the crime scene.

It was intended that police officers would find the mobile storage device during an examination of the explosion site. The data it contained indicated that the perpetrator set up an explosion in order to induce the executive authorities to halt the activities of one of Saint Petersburg esoteric schools due to his dissatisfaction with the results of education on methods of energy-informational development.

The man's behaviour and content of his testimony made investigators question his mental health. In this regard, he was subject to a complex psychiatric forensic examination that showed his chronic mental disorder preventing him from recognising the actual nature of the actions committed or the danger they represented to society, or to control them.

In accordance with the Court's decision, he will receive an intensified treatment in isolation from society.

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