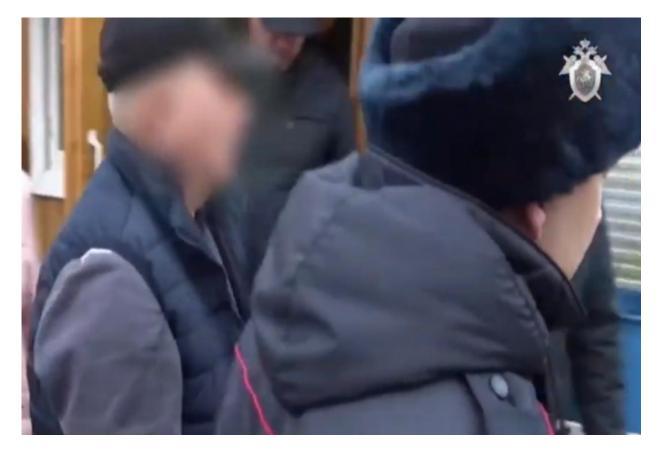
In Tomsk Region, a man suspected of committing a series of especially grave offences during 15 years taken into custody



The Tomsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation is investigating a probe into a 60-year-old man suspected of committing a series of offences against sexual freedom in Strezhevoy city during 15 years. He was detained by investigators of the Investigative Committee of Russia and operative officers of the regional directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Federal Security System.

According to investigation data, from 2004 to 2017 in Strezhevoy of Tomsk Region an unidentified person committed several episodes of attacks on women involving sexual violence. Basing on preliminary data, investigation had grounds to assume that the offences were committed by a same person, therefore the probes were combined in one.

During investigation of the probe officers of the Regional Directorate of the Investigative

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Committee of Russia visited Strezhevoy for over 20 times to coordinate investigative and operative activities aimed to solve the crimes. The Main Forensics Directorate (Forensics Centre) of the Investigative Committee of Russia constantly provided practical and methodological assistance to the investigation.

Carrying out an additional genotypic examination during examination of material evidence using modern forensic means and methodologies resulted in discovered DNA-profile that led to identification of the suspect. The suspect was subsequently identified by one of the victims.

He was charged with committing offences under Paragraph C of Part 2 of Article 131 of the Criminal Code of Russia (as amended on 26.07.2004), Paragraph B of Part 2 of Article 131 (two episodes), Paragraph B, Part 2 of Article 132 of the Criminal Code of Russia (two episodes). Upon request of the investigation, the suspect was put into custody.

At present, investigators are carrying out activities aimed to prove evidence.

**Investigative activities** 

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