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## **Sentence imposed over probe into atrocious murder of woman in Psebay village**



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation was found by the court to be sufficient to sentence Maxim Bondarenko and Saveliy Nikiforov. They were found guilty of murder of Natalya Dmitrieva in Psebay urban settlement of Krasnodar Territory and of other offences.

The investigation and the court established, on May 14, 2018, Bondarenko and Nikiforov, being under influence of alcohol and drugs, had raped Dmitrieva with especial cruelty and committed other actions involving sexual abuse which entailed infliction of grave injuries to her health. Following that, Bondarenko and Nikiforov had murdered Dmitrieva in order to conceal the committed offences.

The investigation obtained information about other offences committed by Bondarenko and

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Nikiforov in 2018 in Krasnodar Territory - plunder and theft.

Bondarenko was found guilty of five offences: rape, violent sexual actions against a woman, infliction of severe health damage, murder and open plunder of property from a juvenile (Paragraphs A,B of Part 2 of Article 131; Paragraphs A,B of Part 2 of Article 132; Paragraph A of Part 3 of Article 111; Paragraphs G,J of Part 2 of Article 105; Paragraph A of Part 2 of Article 161 of the Criminal Code of Russia). He was sentenced to 9 years 11 months of imprisonment in a juvenile correctional facility and a fine of 5,000 roubles.

Nikiforov was also found guilty of five offences: rape, violent sexual actions against a woman, infliction of severe health damage, murder and theft (Paragraphs A,B of Part 2 of Article 131; Paragraphs A,B of Part 2 of Article 132; Paragraph A of Part 3 of Article 111; Paragraphs G,J of Part 2 of Article 105; Paragraphs A,C of Part 2 of Article 158 of the Criminal Code of Russia). He was sentenced to 19 years of imprisonment in a strict regime colony and a fine of 20,000 roubles.

Moreover, the court imposed sentence over Artyom Kurganov who was found guilty of committing plunder with Bondarenko and sentenced to 1 year of imprisonment, suspended, and over Roman Krasov, guilty of committing theft with Nikiforov and sentenced to 1 year 6 months of imprisonment in a strict regime colony.

Previously, as a result of review of the investigation's recommendations on elimination of circumstances that contributed to the commission of the crimes, educational and local self-government authorities of Mostovskoy District of Krasnodar Territory that were responsible for organizing preventive work with minors have been fired from their positions. A complex of measures aimed at future prevention of crimes and offences committed by minors have been carried out in the region, special guidance manuals have been issued and interaction between educational institutions and regional units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs has been intensified.

In addition, the court continues hearing a probe into the police department investigator who failed to bring to justice Bondarenko who later had become an accomplice in the murder of the mother of many children in Psebay. She is accused of committing a crime under Article 286 of the Criminal Code of Russia (exceeding official powers). A week before the murder of Dmitrieva, the police officer had decided against opening an investigation upon a report on an open theft of a jacket by two minors from their peer in Psebay. The police investigator had violated the criminal and procedural regulations and failed to report the offence to the Investigative Committee bodies in accordance with the jurisdiction, despite the sufficient information on the circumstances of the crime committed by the group of persons. In her statement, the police investigator had indicated that Bondarenko and Kurganov had not been involved in the theft. The legal assessment to this fact was given only during investigation of the probe by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia. It is evident that timely and competent actions of the police investigator could have prevented the commission of the especially grave offence that followed.

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