
A man sentenced to life imprisonment for arson of an apartment that affected underage children and killed three adult persons



The evidence gathered by the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation was found sufficient by the court to sentence 32-year-old Victor Bondarenko. He was found guilty of committing offences under Paragraphs A, E, F of Part 2 of Article 105 (murder of two or more persons) and Part 3 of Article 30, Paragraphs A, C, E of Part 2 of Article 105 (attempted murder of two or more persons) and Part 2 of Article 167 of the Criminal Code of Russia (intentional destruction of other people property by fire).

Investigation and court established that the fire started on February 6, 2018 in an apartment of a residential building located in Novokosinskaya street in Moscow. It was established that the apartment was inhabited by a family consisting of seven persons. As a result of the fire three underage children and their stepfather received burns. The mother and the grandmother died at the scene; the grandfather passed away later in a hospital.

Investigation established that on that day ex-husband of the deceased visited the apartment. As a result of influence of alcohol the ex-husband motivated by jealousy had an intent to murder people present in the apartment. After everyone went to sleep, he took a canister with flammable liquid and committed an arson of walls and curtains in two rooms. After that he left the apartment and locked the door.

During investigation the man admitted his guilt to the full.

The Moscow Municipal court ruled to sentence him to life imprisonment in a special regime penal colony.

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