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## **A probe into a road accident in Stavropol Territory entailing death of children referred to the Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia**



A road accident occurred today in Grachevsky district. The crash killed 5 children. According to preliminary data, a bus was carrying children from Volgograd to Cherkessk. Into this fact the Stavropol Territorial Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia launched a probe under Part 5 of Article 264 (violation of the rules for traffic safety) and Part 3 of Article 238 of the Criminal Code of Russia (rendering of services that do not meet safety standards).

At present an investigative and operative team led by the head of the Stavropol Territorial Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia continues working on the accident site. A set of comprehensive measures aimed to establish all circumstances of the accident is being carried out.

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Taking into account the high impact of the incident and death of children, the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia ordered to refer the probe to investigators of the Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia for further investigation. The acting head of the territorial investigative department was instructed to report on initial investigative actions and preliminary causes of the incident.

## **Official spokesperson for the Investigative Committee of Russia**

**S. Petrenko**

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