## The Saratov Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia launches and investigates probes into illegal actions against convicted persons



The Saratov Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia initiated four more criminal cases on the media information about the commission of unlawful acts against four convicts. The two episodes are qualified under Paragraph A of Part 2 of Article 132 (violent acts of a sexual nature), two other episodes - under Paragraph A of Part 3 of Article 286 of the Criminal Code of Russia (abuse of power, committed through the use of violence and the threat of its use).

Apart from that, the regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia is investigating 3 other probes into 4 episodes of offenses provided for by Article 132 of the Criminal Code of Russia. According to investigators, these crimes were committed between January 2020 and

May 2021 on the territory of the Regional Tuberculosis Hospital No 1 of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia in the Saratov region in respect of four convicts.

All probes were transferred to the Major Crimes Investigation Department of the Saratov Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia for a full and comprehensive investigation. Currently the officers of the Investigative Committee of Russia are conducting an inspection of all the premises of the Regional Tuberculosis Hospital No 1 of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia in the Saratov region, items and documents that may be relevant to establishing the truth in the criminal case are being withdrawn. The convicts and employees of the correctional facility are being questioned. A number of forensic examinations, including those of items seized in the course of investigative actions, have been appointed in terms of the criminal cases. All the circumstances of the crimes committed, the persons involved in them, as well as other possible episodes of criminal activity are being established.

In addition, the investigation will provide a legal assessment of the actions (inaction) of the employees of the correctional facility.

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