
On the progress of the criminal investigation into the collapse of part of a residential building in the city of Naberezhnye Chelny of the Republic of Tatarstan



The Tatarstan Republican Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia continues to investigate the criminal case initiated under Paragraph C of Part 2 of Article 238 of the Criminal Code (performance of works or provision of services that do not meet safety requirements). Today a criminal case was initiated against the 70-year-old owner of the apartment, which became the epicenter of the explosion, under Paragraph F of Part 2 of Article 105 of the Criminal Code (murder committed by publicly dangerous means).

As previously reported, on October 25, 2021 there was a gas-air mixture explosion in an apartment on the fourth floor of a residential building in Naberezhnye Chelny. As a result, five people were hospitalized with injuries of varying severity, including two minors born in 2004 and 2010, as well as the suspect. Subsequently, a 22-year-old woman died of her injuries in hospital.

It is now established that the owner of the apartment lived alone and was registered with a

narcologist in connection with alcohol abuse. At the same time, in 2010 he refused to provide gas service, and a metal plug was installed on the gas line to the gas stove.

During an inspection of the scene, investigators concluded that the cause of the gas-air mixture explosion was the deliberate actions of the owner of the apartment. In the nearest future, the investigation intends to go to court with a motion to place the detainee in custody. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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