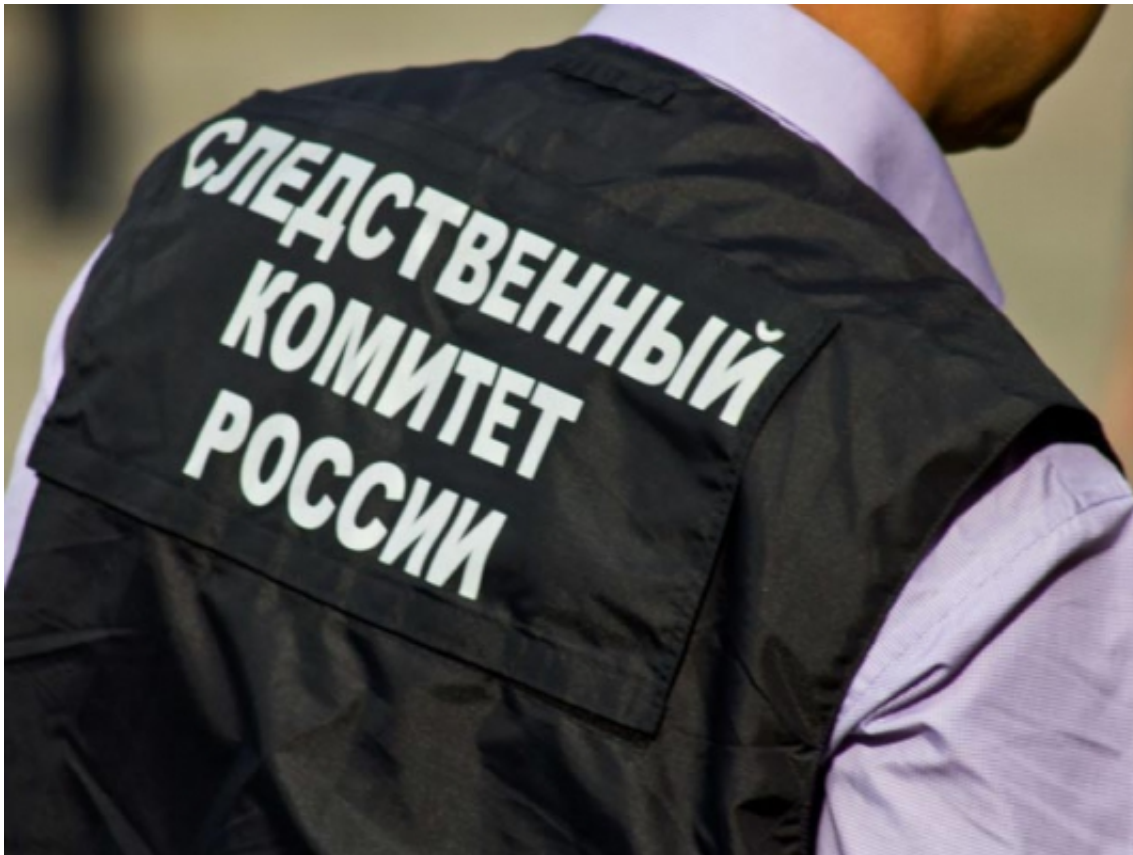


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## **The leader of the "Orekhovskaya" criminal group and one of its members to stand trial**



The Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia completed the investigation into the criminal case against members of the Orekhovskaya organized criminal group of Sergei Butorin and Marat Polyansky. They are accused of committing a crime under Article 317 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (encroachment on the life of a law enforcement officer).

According to investigators, in 1998 Butorin, fearing that the Acting Deputy Chief of the Regional Department for Combating Organized Crime in the Central Administrative District of Moscow would discover facts of criminal activity by members of the Orekhovskaya gang headed by Butorin and that his whereabouts in the Kingdom of Spain and his subsequent extradition to the Russian Federation would be established, decided to eliminate the police officer. He instructed Polyansky, who attracted Vasilchenko, to execute the crime. The accomplices arrived at the police officer's

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house in a car driven by Vasilchenko. After waiting for the victim, Polanski shot him with his rifle. The policeman was taken to a medical facility with a serious gunshot wound and doctors managed to save his life.

For a long time this crime remained unsolved. After their extradition from Spain, Butorin and Polyanski were prosecuted for other especially grave crimes. As a result of investigative and operational activities in 2017, their involvement in the commission of this crime was also established. The defendants pleaded guilty in full.

Earlier, a criminal case was sent to court against a member of an organized criminal group, Alexander Vasilchenko, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for committing this and other especially grave crimes.

The investigation collected a sufficient evidentiary basis and therefore the criminal case against Butorin and Polyanskiy was transferred to court for consideration on the merits.

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