
Mother and Her Cohabitee Detained amid Investigation of Criminal Case on a Missing Child in Novgorod Oblast



On January 25, 2022, the Starorussky Interdistrict Investigation Department of the Investigative Directorate of the IC of Russia received a message stating that a girl born in 2020 had gone missing in the town of Kholm, Novgorod Oblast. In order to arrange a full-scale search, as well as in order to objectively and comprehensively investigate all the circumstances of the child's disappearance, the investigative authorities of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for Novgorod Oblast immediately initiated a criminal case on the grounds of a crime stipulated in Paragraph C of Part 2 of Article 105 of the Criminal Code of Russia (murder of a minor).

The investigators are checking all versions of what happened, interrogating the child's relatives, identifying the witnesses, and determining the child's living and upbringing conditions in the family.

When inspecting the scene, the IC investigators found combustion residues, including those similar

to bone fragments, in the stove; forensic tests have been scheduled. The girl's mother and her cohabitee have been detained.

Earlier, the Chairman of the IC of Russia ordered Acting Head of the Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for Novgorod Oblast S. V. Kilessso to submit a report on the ongoing search and investigative measures.

The criminal case investigation continues.

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