## Male Sentenced to Many Years Behind Bars Over Assault on and Murder of a Teacher in Voronezh Oblast



The court found the evidence gathered by the investigative authorities of the Investigate Committee for Voronezh Oblast sufficient to sentence a 32-year-old male. He was convicted of offenses specified by Paragraph h, Part 2, Article 105 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (Murder attended by robbery with violence), Paragraph c, Part 4, Article 162 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (Robbery with the infliction of major damage to the victim's health).

The investigators and the court found that, on 2 February 2021, the charged offender travelled by bus from Lipetsk to Voronezh, to the Voenny Gorodok bus stop. It is at this time that the male decided to commit a robbery, for which purpose he purchased a kitchen knife in a nearby shop and went to the forest next to a café in Moskovsky Prospekt, Voronezh. From there, he observed people passing by. Impaired by alcohol, the charged offender saw a female stranger, 47, speaking over the phone, assaulted and stabbed her at least 16 times. The woman died of grave bodily injuries on the

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crime scene. The attacker then made off with the property of the deceased, including a mobile phone, a handbag with belongings inside, documents and 10,000 rubles, after which he fled the scene and Voronezh Oblast.

Investigators and forensic experts of the regional department of the Investigate Committee and police officers continuously carried out events intended to identify a person involved in this crime: they carefully examined recordings of video surveillance cameras, requested and examined phone billing information, interrogated many witnesses, held tests of footprints and biological traces identified on the crime scene. The data so obtained allowed them to identify a person involved in these crimes – it was a native of the near-abroad countries who was placed on the federal wanted list. As a result of the search, police officers learnt the whereabouts of the criminal in Rostov Oblast where he was arrested on 10 February 2021 and delivered to the investigator for further investigative activities. Upon petition of investigators, the court ruled to take the apprehended person into custody.

During the preliminary investigation, the charged offender pleaded guilty to crimes as previously reported. His guilt was also confirmed by other evidence gathered and found sufficient to file the criminal case and the approved bill of indictment to court for trial.

The court sentenced him to 20 years of imprisonment in a maximum security penal colony. Besides, the court recovered 3 million rubles in emotional damages to relatives of the deceased.

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