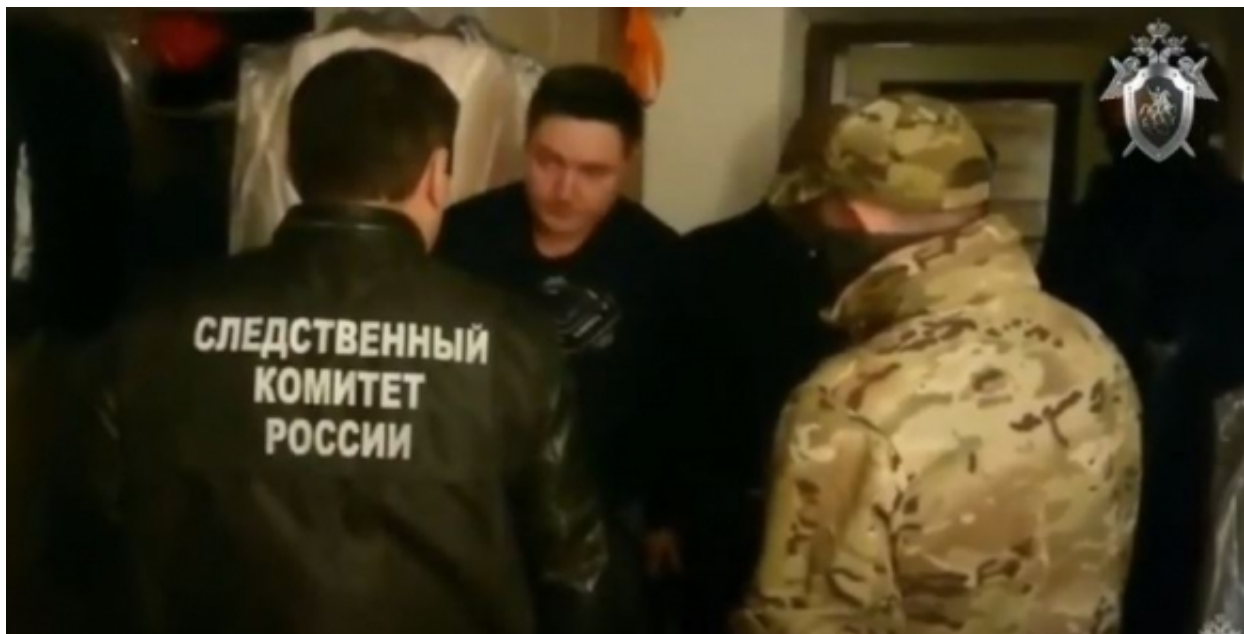


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## **The accusatory sentence is adjudged to the fraudulent real estate brokers ("black realtors"), acting in Tverskaya and Yaroslavskaya oblasts**



The evidence collected by the investigative authorities of the Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation in Tverskaya Oblast was recognized as sufficient by the court to convict three residents of Yaroslavskaya Oblast, who committed fraudulent acts and murders in 2019 in Tverskaya and Yaroslavskaya Oblasts. Depending on role of each, they were guilty of crimes prescribed in Part 4 Article 159 The Criminal Code of RF, paragraphs «a», «e», «g», «k» Part 2 Article 105 The Criminal Code of the RF, Part 4 Article 33- paragraphs «g», «k» Part 2 Article 105 The Criminal Code of the RF (fraud, committed by group of persons upon a preliminary collusion on an especially large scale, entailed the deprivation of the right of a citizen to a dwelling; murder committed by a group of persons in collusion with the aim of facilitating another crime, committed with extreme brutality; commission of murder by group of persons in collusion, with the aim of facilitating another crime, and cover up another crime).

Earlier it was reported that on September 23, 2019, the body of a woman with signs of violent death was found in the Nerl River in the Kalyazinsky rayon of Tverskaya oblast. At the initial stage of the investigation, the investigation had only insignificant data obtained during the inspection of the scene; even the identity of the deceased woman was not identified. As a result of well-planned and

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conducted surveillance, the identity of the deceased was established in the shortest possible time. The investigators found out that the deceased was the owner of two apartments located in the Yaroslavl city with a total cost of at least 2 million 700 thousand rubles, which became the property of third parties after her death.

Long, thorough and well-coordinated work of the Investigator of the Department for the Investigation of Particularly Important Cases and forensic specialists of the Regional Investigation Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia, Officers of the Criminal Investigation Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Tverskaya oblast and the Directorate for solving high-profile crimes of the Main Directorate of the Criminal Investigation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia gave positive results.

So, it was established that the crimes against the deceased were committed by a criminal group consisting of Yaroslavskaya oblast residents - two women born in 1985 and 1968, and a man born in 1979. Thanks to well-planned investigative actions and surveillance activities, the identities of the accessories to the crime were established in the shortest time; two of them - a man and a woman - were detained and taken to the investigator for interrogation. The other figurant disappeared from the investigating authorities and was put on the wanted list. On February 5, 2020, during the surveillance activities carried out by the Regional Criminal Investigation Department Officers and the Department for solving high-profile crimes of the Main Directorate of Criminal Investigation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, the location of the wanted member of the criminal group was established, she was taken to the investigator of the Investigative Committee and make a full confession in the crimes she was accused of.

The investigation and the court established that on one of the days of September 2019, the defendants, acting by a group of persons by prior agreement, being on a the Nerl river bank, near the Suzha village, Kalyazinsky rayon, Tverskaya Oblast, committed the murder of a woman by drowning. Subsequently, in order to hide the traces of the crime committed, the man attached 2 metal discs to the back of the victim by a metal chain, after which he immersed the body in water. At the same time, immediately after the murder, realizing that if the husband of the latter was left alive, he will look for his wife, he could find out about the murder and report to law enforcement agencies, the criminals, being near the "Gavrilov-Yam - Pruzhinino" highway of Yaroslavskaya Oblst committed the victim's husband murder by burning him alive. In October 2019, the defendants acquired the right to the apartments belonging to the deceased woman by registering them in the name of a citizen, who was unaware of their criminal intentions, abusing his trust.

The disclosure of these crimes was of particular difficulty, since they were committed in conditions of non-obviousness and caused a wide public outcry. At the initial stage, the investigation had only insignificant data obtained during the inspection of the scene. At the same time, due to the closed way of life of the victims, the information about the disappearance of the man was not submitted to the law enforcement agencies. Thanks to the close interaction of the investigators of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation in Tverskaya Oblast and the Body of Inquiry, thanks to the

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promptness of the information research provided and the well-coordinated work of the above Officers, the suspects were identified, and the collected evidence determined their involvement not only in the woman's murder, but also in fraud against her, including involvement in her spouse murder. The location of the victim's corpse was established with the support of the Main Directorate of Criminal Investigation Officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, and the Officers of the criminal investigation department of the regional Ministry of Internal Affairs.

After the arrest and the initial charges submission, the investigation of criminal cases continued to be of particular difficulty due to the large volume of completed and planned investigative and other procedural actions, a significant number of appointed and conducted forensic examinations, and everything was also hard due to the fact that the defendants completely denied their involvement in acts incriminated to them, despite direct evidence of their guilt. At the same time, the accused man tried to artificially delay the time of the preliminary investigation in every possible way, he studied the criminal case files in an unintensive manner, submitted many applications and petitions that required revisal.

Today, the two defendants were imposed the following restrain: 1<sup>st</sup> one - 19 years in prison to be served in the general regime penal colony, 2<sup>nd</sup> one was sentenced to 20 years in prison to be served in a maximum security penal colony.

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