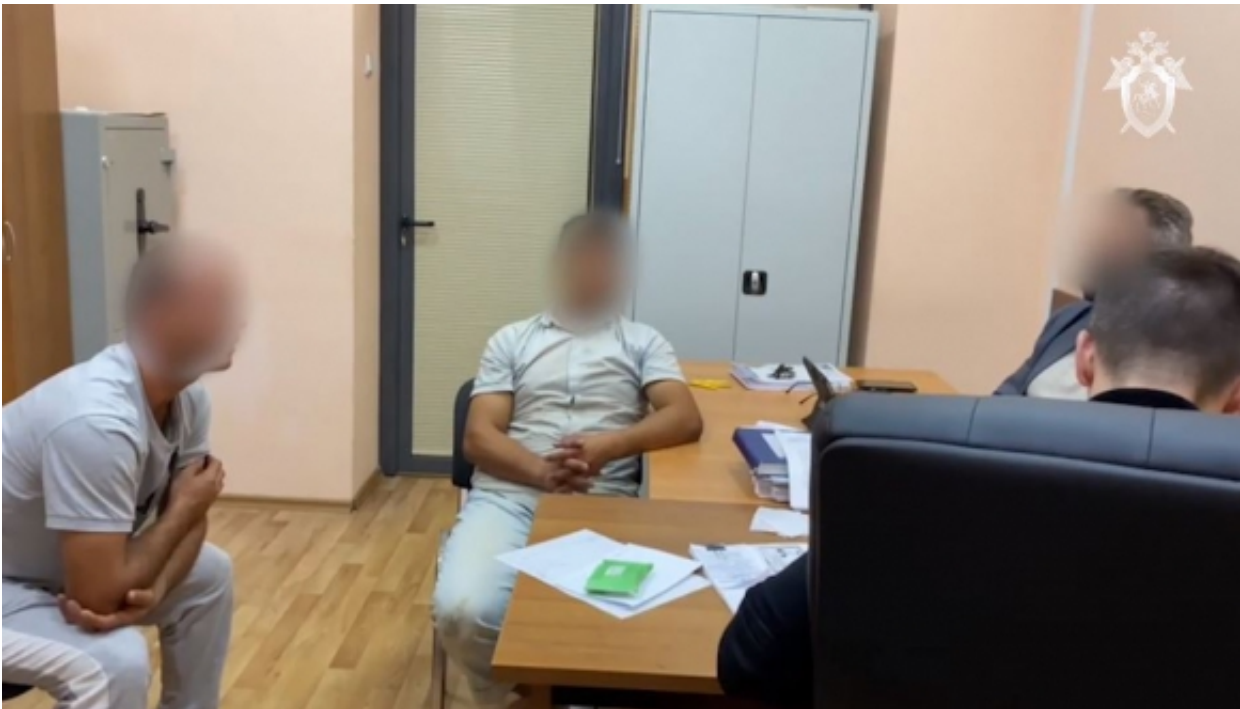

In Moscow oblast, two accused of raping and murdering a retiree will stand a trial



The investigating authorities of the Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia for Moscow oblast have finalized the investigation of a criminal case against two citizens of one of the neighboring states. Depending on the role and degree of participation, they are accused of raping and murdering a retiree, and theft (paragraph “j”, Part 2, Article 105 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, Part 1, Article 132 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, paragraph “a”, Part 2, Article 131 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, Part 1, Article 158 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation). One of the accomplices is also accused of attempting to commit a crime against the sexual inviolability of a local resident of the Sergiev Posad city (Part 3, Article 30, Part 1, Article 131 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation). The investigation of the criminal case, on the instruction of the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia, is a subject to control in the Main Investigative Directorate of the Department.

According to the investigation, in the evening of September 12, 2021, the defendants attacked a retiree in a forest belt near the gardeners' non-commercial partnership "Priozerny" of Sergiev Posad's urban district. The defendants raped the victim and, fearing that the woman would call in law

enforcement, committed her murder by suffocation. After the murder, the defendants stole victim's mobile phone and fled the scene. The body of the deceased was discovered the next day by passers-by. In hot pursuit, investigators and operatives managed to identify and detain the accused.

In addition, one of the accused attempted to rape a local resident of the Sergyev Posad urban city during the night hours between the 10-11th of September, 2021. The woman managed to escape from the attacker, and she turned to law enforcement agencies. During investigation, a significant amount of work was carried out by the investigator: inspections of the scene, verification of testimonies on the spot with the participation of the accused, more than 200 interrogations, more than 20 examinations were appointed and conducted, including psychological and psychiatric, forensic medical, molecular genetic, fingerprinting and others.

During the investigation, it was detected that the defendants illegally located on the territory of the Russian Federation and a criminal case was launched on this fact too; it is separated into a separate proceeding and is being investigated.

At present, the investigation has collected a sufficient evidence base, in connection with which the criminal case with the approved indictment will soon be transferred to court for consideration on the merits.

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