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## **At the request of the investigation the court has applied restraint in the form of custody placement against the Director of the Kushchevskaya unit of the Center to struggle against extremism of the Chief Internal Affairs Directorate for Krasnodar Territory**

Today, at the request of the investigation the court has applied restraint in the form of custody placement against Alexander Khodych, the Director of the Kushchevskaya unit of the Center to struggle against extremism of the Chief Internal Affairs Directorate for Krasnodar Territory. Investigative agencies of the Investigative Committee for the Krasnodar Territory suspect Hodych of committing a crime under part 1, article 286 of the Criminal Code (abuse of authority).

According to investigators, Khodych, exceeding his official powers misappropriate another's property. The amount of damage caused by the unlawful actions of the police officer is being established. Khodych was arrested on November 24, 2010. To date, investigators of the Investigative Committee have conducted a search in the suspect's house and grounds. During interrogation Khodych refused to give any testimony and cooperate with the investigation.

Currently, investigation is conducted to establish all circumstances of the crime committed by Khodych. The investigators check on the involvement of the suspect in other similar crimes. Criminal investigation is continued.

In addition, headquarters to investigate grave and especially grave crimes committed in previous years, decided to resume the criminal proceedings initiated in September 2007 on the grounds of a crime under part 1, article 137 of the Criminal Code for the discovery of audio-video transmission device in the office of the Head of Administration of Kushchevskaya region of Krasnodar Territory.

Also today, at the request of the investigation the court has arrested Igor Chernykh, born in 1965, and nicknamed "Cupid", who had previous convictions. Investigators consider Chernykh as one of the cruelest accomplices in killing of 12 people in the village Kushchevskaya.

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