
In Sverdlovsk region Irina Gaydamachuk found guilty of robberies and seventeen murders of retired people

The court has recognized the evidence collected by the investigative bodies of the Russian Investigative Committee for the Sverdlovsk region as sufficient to convict Irina Gaydamachuk. She is found guilty of a series of robberies and seventeen murders of retired women.

The investigation and the court have established that in the period from 2002 to 2010 in the territory of the Sverdlovsk region Irina Gaydamachuk committed a series of robberies and seventeen murders of retired women aged from sixty to ninety years. She acted in an insolent and cynical way attacking and murdering only the lonely elderly women the information on which she got from neighbors. In each case the accused called at the doors of her victims and presenting herself as a social worker she gained their trust. After the women let her in, she delivered a deathly blow on their heads with a hammer. Then she searched the flats and stole money. If the women weren't at home, Gaydamachuk left a note to the neighbors asking her future victims to be at home at particular time. Later through handwriting examination these notes were used to confirm Gaydamachuk's involvement in the crimes. Over 8 years the police could not get on the tracks of Gaydamachuk as she had not passport, lived unregistered and had no official workplace. The investigators made enormous efforts and even checked as the possible suspect a woman from Verkhnyaya Tura. The woman even gave herself up. However, during the investigation she was found not involved as she was physically and psychologically pressured by the policemen. Criminal cases were opened against those policemen and now all of them are convicted for from 3 to 4.5 years in prison. The investigators managed to get on the track of Gaydamachuk in May 2010, after she had killed her elderly friend. Gaydamachuk said that the main and the only motive of her crimes was money, and she killed only retired people because she knew that each elderly person had saved some money to pay for the funerals. This was the money she counted to get for. During preliminary investigation Gaydamachuk fully admitted her guilt and was remorseful of her actions. Considerable work has been performed by the investigators, more than 3 thousand witnesses have been questioned, more than 2 thousand expert examinations made. All this allowed collecting enough evidence to prove Gaydamachuk guilty.

The court has sentenced Gaydamachuk to 20 years in average-security correctional facility.

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