
Criminal investigation launched into hostage taking and threat to use violence against a representative of the authority

Saratov Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have started a criminal case over signs of crimes under paragraph "d" of part 2 of article 206 (capture or detention of a hostage with the use of arms or objects used as arms) and part 1 of article 318 of the RF Criminal Code (threat to use violence against a representative of the authority).

According to investigators, on 29 November 2012, at 9:50 p.m. law enforcement bodies received information on a fight with a knife taking place at the crossing of Friedrich Engels and Stroiteley streets in the town of Engels. A unit of patrol and Point Police Service set off for the scene to check the information. On arriving at the scene the police officers established that one of the participants of the fight was a man federally wanted for not showing up to serve his term in a minimum security correctional facility. Seeing the police the criminal tried to escape, threatening one of the officers with a knife. Near a block of flats on Telman Street the man took a local underage girl hostage and pointed a knife to her head demanding the police to stop chasing him, otherwise he threatened to kill the girl. One of the officers in order to stop the crime used his government-issue weapons. After that the suspect let go of the girl. The 40-year-old man from Engels was delivered to a hospital with a gun wound to have the necessary treatment.

At present investigating and search operations are underway to establish all the circumstances of the incident and to collect and consolidate evidence. During the investigation actions of the police officer will be classified. Investigation is to be continued.

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