
The jury found guilty two more suspects in a criminal case of murder of the governor of the Magadan region

The evidence collected by the Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation in the Central Federal District was recognized sufficient to convict Vladimir Golban and Sergei Filippenko. They were found guilty of the murder of the governor of Magadan region Valentin Tsvetkov.

Investigators and the court found that in August 2002 in Moscow Golban received an order to kill the governor of the Magadan region Tsvetkov for consideration in the amount of 100 thousand U.S. dollars, created an organized criminal group, in which Filippenko and others entered for the promised reward. Voluntarily united members of an organized criminal group were in close contact with each other, regularly communicated with each other at personal meetings and through mobile phones. Golban with others assigned the roles in a crime, according to which: Golban and other members of the criminal group acted as the organizers, planned the crime, and performed coordination of the actions of Filippenko and others. It was Filippenko who should have rented apartments and houses in Moscow and the Moscow region, where the members of an organized group planned to hide in the preparation period and after committing the crime, he should have found out a residence and work schedule of Tsvetkov, he should have carried out covert surveillance of his movements in Moscow.

October 18, 2002, in the morning, all participants of the crime, according to the developed plan and distribution of criminal roles, took up their positions in Moscow near the place chosen for the murder of Tsvetkov, as well as near the house where he lived. At a time when Tsvetkov, accompanied by Deputy Chief of Mission of the Magadan region of the Government of the Russian Federation P. Shapka was heading into the Mission of the Magadan region premises, located on Novy Arbat Street in Moscow, one of the members of the organized crime group fired from a pistol to the head of Tsvetkov. After that, he fired in Shapka, but missed. Tsvetkov died of wounds.

On the basis of a guilty verdict of the jury the court will decide on the sentence in the near future.

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