
Man suspected of double murder detained in Tatarstan

On 29 August 2012 bodies of a 76-year-old woman and her 38-year-old daughter were found in a flat on Fuchika Street in Kazan. The women died of many stabbed wounds. There were words “Free Pussy Riot” rote on the wall, presumably with blood. Tatarstan Republic investigating bodies of the Russia’s Investigative Committee have initiated criminal proceedings into the incident over a crime under paragraph “a” of part 2 of article 105 of the Russian Federation Criminal Code (murder of two or more persons).

During skillfully planned search and investigation operations on 30 August a 38-year-old acquaintance of one of the women was held on suspicions of the murder. It is Igor Danilevsky, a professor in one of universities of Kazan. A knife – possible murder weapon – was found in his flat. During the interrogation as a suspect the man fully admitted his guilt and told that he used to be an institute mate of the victim.

According to investigators, having gained confidence of his former classmate and promising to marry her in future Danilevsky talked her into taking a loan to pay out some of his numerous bank debts. Moreover, the man trying to pretend that he was in love with the victim promised her to spend holidays in Egypt together. Later, saying that he had no money, he offered to go to Simferopol instead of Egypt. But on 22 August in the victim’s flat he said that the trip had to be postponed until January. The woman reproached him for constant lying, then the man took a knife and stabbed her several times. On hearing the sounds of the fight the victim’s mother came out of the other room and the man stabbed her several times, too. The women died of the wounds. Then Danilevsky searched the flat for receipt for money received from the victim and stole about 100 thousand rubles and 2 cellphones. Before leaving he arranged the bodies in a special way and scrawled FREE PUSSY RIOT on the wall with the women’s blood in order to turn the suspicion aside and make it look like a ritual murder.

At present necessary investigation operations are under way to collect and consolidate evidence. Investigation is to be continued.

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