
Another lawyer summoned into Investigative Committee for interview over criminal proceedings into mass riots on Bolotnaya Ploshchad on May 6

A lawyer Violetta Volkova was called in the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee to be questioned as a witness on 12 September 2012 over the criminal proceedings into organization and participation in mass riots on 6 May on Bolotnaya Ploshchad in Moscow accompanied by use of violence against representatives of the authority.

Concerning the information spread by media that V.Volkova refused to take part in the proceedings as a witness explaining it by the necessity to keep the client-lawyer privilege, the Investigative Committee explains: the planned procedure is not related in any way to the fact that V.Volkova defends one of Pussy Riot members and renders legal assistance to S.Udaltsov and his wife in the criminal case over mass riots on Bolotnaya Ploshchad.

The lawyer is necessary to be interviewed because investigators have videos showing that she participated in the rally on Bolotnaya Ploshchad on 6 May 2012 and was one of the organizers. But executive authorities had not received any information on V.Volkova being one of the rally organizers. Considering this the interview will not violate the client-lawyer privilege. Investigators are only interested in the information became known to V.Volkova as a result of her personal involvement in 6 May events. It should be noted that under paragraph 1 of part 6 of article 56 of Criminal Procedure Code a witness does not have right to evade the summons of investigators.

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