## In Vladimir Region investigation against several members of an organized criminal group Vosmyorochnye who for a long time had committed crimes in Gus-Khrustalny district completed

Vladimir Region investigating bodies of the Russian Investigative Committee in close cooperation with regional directorates of Federal Security Service and Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia continue purposeful work of decriminalization of Gus-Khrustalny. At present agents have carried out the main task to neutralize leaders and members of organized criminal groups Vosmyorochnye, Manakh, 56<sup>th</sup>, Gryzunov, Shiluchastok and to reveal and suppress corrupt relations, allowing organized criminal groups acting unpunished for a long time.

More than 27 criminal cases were investigated against members of organized criminal groups. Most of them were launched after Chairman of the Investigative Committee had considered a collective petition from residents of Gus-Khrustalny, and their personal reception by Alexander Bastrykin. At present moment, investigators have prosecuted more than 24 members and leaders of different organized criminal groups which acted in Gus-Khrustalny district. Among them are employees of internal affairs bodies Mikhail Ovechkin, Sergey Tarlakov, Eduard Zhidkov, Alexander Savinov and former local deputy Andrey Kashin. In addition, the court is listening to a case against former Chief of 4<sup>th</sup> Search and Investigation Department of Criminal Police in crime detection area of Internal Affairs Regional Directorate Police Colonel Boris Avanesyan. During inquest into the said cases investigators solved a number of other crimes committed in different years by the members of the organized criminal group led by Andrey Murtazin. This way, investigators established involvement of the members of the organized criminal group Vosmyorochnye Sergey Antropov, Roman Barinov and a local businessman who had enjoyed patronage of the group's members – Viktor Dukvin in the number of serious crimes. Namely, in spring 2010, Antropov together with brothers Murtazins, Mikhail Permyakov, Yevgeny Tyapkin robed a local businessman, faked his kidnapping under the pretext of executing a contract murder and then released the man for a sham ransom of 8 million rubles. In the end of 2008, businessman Dukvin used "services" of the group. Not wanting to pay back his partner a debt of 1.5 million rubles Dukvin agreed with Murtazin, Antropov and Barinov to press the businessman. Thus, under the threats of physical violence and devastation of property from members of the group the victim was forced to refuse from getting back a debt and a car. In addition, in summer and autumn 2010, members of the criminal group including Barinov threatened to two local businessmen with death and devastation of property and demanded from them 100 thousand rubles to payout an alleged debt and illegally took away their car.

Criminal proceedings against Ruslan Murtazin and Yevgeny Tyapkin who are wanted were severed

in separate lawsuits. The same decision was made concerning a case against Permyakov, who is an inpatient in a psychiatric clinic. Investigators have collected enough evidence to prove guilt of Antropov and Barinov and the case was forwarded for the indictment to be approved.

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