
Residents of Kushchevsky district to appear in Krasnodar Territory court for banditry, murders and other crimes

After the criminal case against Vadim Palkin, Dmitry Devterov, Alexander Shal, Alexander Mamayev, Igor Pogosyan of Kushchevsky district was finished by the first section for especially important cases of the Krasnodar Territory Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee, it is taken by the Krasnodar Territory court to be tried.

Depending on the role of each one of them they are charged with setting up an organized stable group (gang) (part 1 of article 209), membership in a gang (part 2 of article 209), five episodes of illegal handling of firearms and ammunition committed by an organized group (part 3 of article 222), two episodes of banditry-related attempted murder in generally dangerous way by an organized group in connection with the official activity by the victim (part 3 of article 30, paragraphs "b, f, g, h" of part 2 of article 105), banditry-related murder of two persons committed by an organized group in connection with the official activity by the victims (paragraphs "a, b, g, h" of part 2 of article 105), two episodes of hooliganism with use of weapons committed by an organized group (part 2 of article 213 of the RF Criminal Code).

According to investigators, in December 2000, Vadim Palkin's father ceased his powers as Administration Head of municipal district Kushchevske district, and Boris Moskvich was elected the new head. Vadim Palkin intended by any means to make his father run a second term, which would also have lifted his personal authority and influence in the district. In this view, Vadim Palkin decided to kill the current Administration Head. With this purpose and to commit other crimes, in September-October 2001, Palkin set up an organized stable armed criminal group (gang), where he involved his relative Dmitry Devterev and sometime later Alexander Shal. Palkin promised members of the gang material welfare after his father became Head of Administration. The gang had a diverse range of firearms. Members of the gang and Pogosyan and Mamayev, who did not participated, for their criminal purposes repeatedly purchased firearms and ammunition, including grenades and pistols.

Over the period of the gang's existence its members committed: On 4 November 2001 - attempted murder of Head of Administration Boris Moskvich, and on 31 January 2002 – they killed him. At night of 31 May 2002 they faked attempted murder of Vadim Palkin's father in order to raise his rating was a candidate to Head of District Administration. On 24 October 2004, the gang members killed Nikolay Tsapok and tried to kill one more member of Tsapkovskiye gang Vyacheslav Ryabtsev. Both of the crimes were motivated by Vadim Palkin's personal dislike of the victims, who

he thought treated him disrespectfully and demanded regular fees. The same day, in order to affect psychologically on the chairman of election committee for free election of Palkin's father a head of Administration, the gang members blasted a grenade at the courtyard of his house.

Investigators have found that in 2005 the criminal group set up by Vadim Palkin broke up due to lack of financing and non-attaining the final object – Palkin's father was not appointed a new Head of District Administration.

At the primary stage of the investigation Palkin recognized the facts of crimes and pleaded guilty during an interrogation which was filmed. Later, when Palkin started to retract his testimonies, the video was repeatedly viewed by psychologists who concluded sincerity of his narration. In addition the Palkin's first testimony was also confirmed by testimonies of other accomplices.

Preliminary hearing of this case was held by the Krasnodar Territory court on 19 October 2012. The court ruled to extend the term of arrest for the accused. The court also satisfied a motion by Vadim Palkin to appoint one of his female acquaintances as his public attorney.

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