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## Three policemen held in Moscow on suspicions of abduction, money extortion and murder



On 17 October 2012, investigative bodies of the Moscow Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee launched criminal proceedings into abduction of a 22-year-old Moscow resident, whose relatives reported that kidnappers were demanding 150 thousand euros. The criminal case opened over signs of crimes under paragraphs "a" and "h" of part 2 of article 126, part 2 of article 163 of the RF Criminal Code (abduction of a person, extortion).

Thanks to joint actions of investigators of Moscow Central Investigations Directorate and officers of Central Federal District Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, on 30 October current year the suspects of the said crimes were apprehended. They are three police officers of Khoroshevo-Mnemniki Moscow Directorate of Ministry of Internal Affairs – police drivers Dmitry Kolotovkin, Alexander Vlasenko and Artyom Skubak.

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According to investigators, on 5 September this year, the suspects tried to hijack a BMW-530 owned by their 22-year-old acquaintance. In the car, they stabbed the owner no less than 77 times. When the man was dead they hid his body in the forest of the village of Zagoryansky, Moscow Region, and disappeared on the stolen car, which was later found during investigative operations in the courtyard of one of the policemen.

On 11 September 2012, the man's body was found by local people and the Moscow Region Investigating bodies opened a criminal case over signs of a crime under part 1 of article 105 of the RF Criminal Code (murder).

At present investigators are deciding on filing the cases into a single lawsuit, today they are going to file a motion on putting the suspects into custody as a pre-trial restraining measure.

Besides, investigators believe, that the policemen had two accomplices – unemployed acquaintances of theirs, one of whom is currently wanted. Investigation is to be continued.

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