
First of protesters on Bolotnaya Ploshchad convicted



Court has recognized evidence collected by Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict a participant of mass riots on Bolotnaya Ploshchad in Moscow on 6 May Maksim Luzyanin. He was found guilty of crimes under part 1 of article 318 (use of violence that does not endanger human life or health against a representative of the authority) and part 2 of article 212 of the RF Criminal Code (participation in mass riots).

The court and investigation has found out that on 6 May 2012, during mass riots Luzyanin, who was between Bolotnaya Embankment and Bolotnaya Ploshchad, threw at the junior instructor sniper of Central Federal District field unit of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, who was ensuring public order during a mass event, a piece of asphalt. Then Luzyanin together with other participants of the mass riots stripped a private of special purpose unit of Center for Special Purpose Operative Response Forces of Moscow Central Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs of a helmet, bullet-proof vest, a rubber stick and a gas mask. After that Luzyanin knocked the policeman down and together with other participants of the mass riot beat him with hands and feet on the victim's head and torso. As a result, the policeman suffered a closed brain injury and other traumas. Acting in a similar way, Luzyanin knocked down and beat up another three policemen. He used

suffocating against one of them.

The court sentenced Luzyanin to 4.5 years in prison.

Investigation of a criminal case against other participants of the mass riots is to be continued.

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