
Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov to appear in court for killing Anna Politkovskaya



Investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have completed investigating a case against Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov accused of crimes under paragraphs "b, g, h" of part 2 of article 105 and part 3 of article 222 of the RF Criminal Code (murder of a person in connection with his official activity, committed by a group of persons on hire and illegal handling of firearms).

As it was reported earlier, the case against Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov who had concluded a pre-trial cooperation deal was severed into a separate law suit from the case of Anna Politkovskaya murder.

According to investigators, Gaytukayev was an organizer of the crime. He set up in 2006 an organized criminal group consisting of other accused and a policeman Dmitry Pavlyuchenkov. The members of the group carefully planned murder of the journalist, purchased guns and reconciled

their actions with each other. Sergey Khadzhikurbanov controlled all actions of the group. Having received from Pavlyuchenkov information on the victims living place, brothers Makhmudovs situated themselves on her way home on 7 October 2006. Seeing the victim driving her car, Ibragim Makhmudov informed about it his brother Dzhabrail and he in his turn to Rustam, who entered the house where Politkovskaya lived and waited for her to come in. When the journalist entered the elevator Rustam Makhmudov shot her several times. The pistol he was using was left at the murder scene. After that the accused disappeared.

The evidence collected by an investigating group were the basis for the indictment, which has been today approved by the prosecutor, the case has been sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

Investigation of a criminal case against other participants of the crime has been completed, at present the accused are reading the materials. The criminal proceedings against contractors of the murder have been severed into a separate lawsuit.

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