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## **Criminal case over media information and appeal of Leonid Razvozzhayev refused**



Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has carried out an exhaustive check into information spread by media and contained in the appeal of Leonid Razvozzhayev on him having been abducted and tortured. During the check, the facts, which were the reason it had been started, were not objectively confirmed, and accordingly investigating bodies made a decision to refuse to initiate criminal investigation.

The decision is based on the results of the assessment of the materials gathered during the check, namely, Razvozzhayev besides his appeal could not present any documents or material evidence confirming the crimes committed against him. He refused an offer to check his allegations by a lie detector. In addition, investigators interviewed a number of witnesses, whose words irrefutably prove the unreliability of information about abduction and tortures spread by media and contained in the appeal of Leonid Razvozzhayev. The fact that Razvozzhayev willingly arrived in Russia from Ukraine on 19 October 2012, when he allegedly was kidnapped, is confirmed by the mark of a border outpost in his foreign passport. Medical experts, who had examined Razvozzhayev straight

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after he had been detained, did not find any signs that he was tortured.

Moreover, the check established the fact that Razvozhayev had illegally crossed the border of the Russian Federation. Razvozhayev confirmed that on 16 October 2012 he had crossed the border using his brother's passport. At the instructions of the prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation, the Investigative Committee has launched a pre-investigating check into this fact, following which a procedural decision will be made.

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