
Investigators petition to place a suspect in murder of Bogdan Prakhov into custody



Investigators of the Vladimir Region Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee are petitioning to place Sergey Kozlov, suspected of murder (paragraph "c" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Criminal Code) and abduction (paragraph "e" of part 2 of article 126) of Bogdan Prakhov, 5, into custody as a pretrial restraining measure.

It was earlier reported that in the afternoon of 19 June 2012, 5-year-old Bogdan Prakhov had been kidnapped from dacha society Mir near the town of Petushki by an unknown person. The next day, in the morning the boy's body was found in the forest with traces of violent death.

Death of the small boy stirred active public response. Chairman of the Investigative Committee has taken investigation of the criminal case under personal control.

Investigators and operations services lead meticulous round-the-clock work to consider the main

versions of the murder. During the work the identikit was made based on witnesses' testimonies and a psychological portrait of the assumed criminal was made. The circumstances of the crime were carefully restored based on examination of the crime scene, made using photo shooting from a helicopter, check of testimonies at the crime scene, investigation experiments with witnesses and a small child who had seen how Bogdan had been kidnapped.

To solve the crime the Investigative Committee and Main Crime Detection Directorate of Interior Ministry organized unprecedented measures to find the assumed killer. Investigators and criminologists sent more than 2 thousand instructions to carry out investigating operations in subjects of the Russian Federation.

Investigators have information that genotype matches traces left by one of locals on the boy's clothes.

Based on all the data collected during investigation, 35-year-old Sergey Kozlov, resident of Petushki, invalid of second group with mental disease was detained on suspicion of kidnapping and murder of Bogdan Prakhov.

Investigators are going to check the suspect's testimonies, for that they will have to carry out a number of confrontations, interrogations and other investigating operations. Only after these operations they will decide on charges. In addition, it has to be established whether Kozlov realized social danger of his actions and could he be in control of them, as he suffers from a mental disease, for that investigators will arrange a forensic stationary psychiatric and psychological expert examination.

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