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## **A number of criminal cases over especially serious crimes committed by policemen against citizens investigated in Moscow**



In connection with repeated statements made by human rights organizations in media and Internet about not efficient work of departments investigating crimes committed by law enforcement officers, the Investigative Committee declares that it considers revealing and investigation of such crimes as one of its main tasks. It was to perform this task that on the order of the Chairman of the Investigative Committee the special departments were set up last year in April after the vents in the Dalny police station.

Analysis of criminal cases against law enforcement officers shows that the facts of not only official, but serious and especially serious crimes committed by policemen against citizens are not single. Over the past three months in Moscow alone investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched and investigated a considerable number of criminal cases in which

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officials of internal affairs bodies have been held liable for murders, abductions, robberies, frauds, exceeding their official duties and other crimes.

Namely, the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate is investigating a criminal case against a number of persons among whom are police officers of Khoroshevo-Mnevniki district D. Kolotovkin, A. Skubak, A. Vlasenko charged with abduction, murders and extortions.

During investigation of a criminal case over sexual abuses of two girls it was found that the senior operative detective of Perovo Department of the Interior Ministry Marina Artamonova and junior operative detective of Veshnyaki Department of the Interior Ministry Pvel Kuznetsov were involved in abductions and extortions. Investigators have found that these police officers as members of the criminal group abducted people, beat them up, used violence using special means, extorting money belonging allegedly to their accomplices. Six members of the group have already been charged in this case.

In Butyrsky district of Moscow a case is being investigated against an organized group which included Alexander Izosimov, main specialist of communications center and information protection of the Russian Interior Ministry, senior lieutenant of inner service. According to investigators the criminal group planted drugs, abducted people and extorted money.

Under criminal investigation are police drivers of immediate detention team of the North Eastern Administrative District of Moscow Main Directorate of the Interior Ministry Dmitry Zaichenko and Pavel Nikolayev, who in the life of their official duties beaten up citizens of Uzbekistan and stole from them large sums of money.

M. Dovidchuk, the staffer of 1<sup>st</sup> company of Road Patrol Service of the Traffic Safety Inspectorate of the South Western Administrative District Main Directorate of the Interior Ministry was arrested on charges of abduction. A. Zemtsov, the inspector of the administrative legislation group of Road Patrol Service of the Traffic Safety Inspectorate of the Southern Administrative District Main Directorate of the Interior Ministry was charged with attempted swindling.

These are just few examples of criminal cases launched against interior bodies staffers, who have been charged only recently. In all, in Moscow over the past year criminal cases against 174 staffers of interior bodies of different levels, who committed a total of 343 different crimes, were forwarded to courts.

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