In Moscow Region criminal investigation launched into subquality services resulting in leopard attack on spectators

The Moscow Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched a criminal investigation into a crime under part 1 of article 238 of the RF Penal Code (rendering services not meeting health and life safety standards of consumers).

According to investigators, on 3 May 2014, from 3 to 5 PM, there was a circus show featuring trainer Viktor Yaroslavtsev and a leopard in the Shapito circus at Moscow Theater of Sport and Entertainment Shows "Kaskadyor", state budgetary culture institution, temporarily housed for guest performance period in the Vityaz Ice Palace. During the show a collar of the leopard got broken due to lack of oversight from the trainer and the animal leapt toward spectators. A 3-year-old boy and his mother received bruises and scratches not dangerous for their health.

At present the investigators are questioning the victims, eyewitnesses and the circus staff. A forensic medical analysis has been run. Requests have been sent for necessary information. Investigation is ongoing.

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