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## **In Sverdlovsk Region five men charged with series of serious crimes to stand trial**

The Sverdlovsk Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case five men aged between 27 and 38, including Yevgeny Malenkin, 38, a resident of the city of Yekaterinburg. Depending on their roles, they are charged with crimes under paragraph "d" of part 3 of article 228.1 of the RF Penal Code (illegal drug dealing by an organized group in previous concert on an especially large scale), part 3 of article 33, part 1 of article 127 (organization of illegal deprivation of liberty), article 138.1 (illegal obtaining of equipment for secretive getting of information), paragraphs "a" and "e" of part 2 of article 161 (robbery committed by an organized group in previous concert on a large scale), part 5 of article 33, paragraphs "a" and "e" of part 2 of article 161 (complicity in a robbery committed by an organized group in previous concert on a large scale), part 2 of article 228 (illegal purchase and storage of drugs without intention of selling on a large scale), part 5 of article 33, paragraph "c" of part 3 of article 228.1 (complicity in illegal drug dealing by a group of people in previous concert on an especially large scale), part 1 of article 286 (exceeding official powers), paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 3 of article 286 (exceeding of official powers committed using force, with threat of force and using special means), part 2 of article 292 (forgery).

According to investigators, in November 2009, a 29-year-old man, who then was a police officer, learnt from another man about possible fact of illegal drug dealing. After that the 29-year-old and two 36-year-old accused illegally got inside the victim's residence. The police officer searched through the flat without writing any procedural documents. The three accused stole some articles from the flat and later brought several victims to the police department. There one of the accused put drugs, got from the 38-year-old accused, inside the victims' clothes. The fourth 27-year-old accused, who was also a police officer then, saw that the drugs were planted, but registered their confiscation from the victims and made a report on a crime putting in it knowingly false information on the place where the alleged suspects had been detained.

It should be noted that Malenkin is also charged with organization of illegal deprivation of freedom committed against 7 women, who were placed in 2011-2012, in the rehab of non-commercial organization Charity fund City without Drugs located in the village of Sarapulka in the town of Beryozovsky. Investigators have information that the accused supervised the activity of the rehab, organized confinement of rehabilitating individuals there, including those 7 women, who had been kept there against their will and wish. On more account incriminated to the 38-year-old accused is

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illegal obtaining of equipment for secretive getting of information. It was found that in spring 2012, he illegally bought a watch capable of video and audio recording, meant for secretive obtainment and storage of information and used it to record a conversation. The device was seized from the working place of the accused during a search in the office of the City without Drugs in Yekaterinburg.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, therefore the criminal case with the approved indictment is going to be sent into court to be tried on the merits on one of these days.

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