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## **Criminal proceedings launched into disappearance of 9-year-old girl**



In the evening of 11 March, social networks published information that a 9-year-old-girl got missed in Moscow - she was returning from a music school, but never reached home. Girl's mother appealed to the law enforcement bodies at 9 PM. To organize large-scale search and investigating operations to find the girl and all the circumstances of her missing, investigating bodies of the Moscow main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee urgently requested materials from the police. By a lucky accident the girl safe and sound was found by a security officer at the railway station of Losinoostrovskaya about midnight.

Despite the fact, the Moscow main Investigations Directorate has decided to launch a criminal case to find all the circumstances under which the girl got missed and give legal qualification to actions or inaction of adults responsible for the destiny of the child.

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It has been preliminarily found that the girl after classes in the music school at about 4 PM took a mini-bus no 333 to get home in Mystishchi. However, that day the girl did not have 40 rubles her mother usually gave her every time to pay for the transfer. The mini-bus driver refused to take a passenger who was unable to pay, and despite the small age, dropped off the girl in freezing weather. Without money and cell phone the girl went to the railway station of Losinoostrovskaya. The girl went the distance from about 5 Pm to midnight. the security officer noticed the girl at the station, understood that she got lost and called the police.

As part of the criminal case launched over crimes under article 125 and part 1 of article 238 of the RF Criminal Code (leaving in danger and rendering services which do not meet safety standards of consumers), investigators ordered to find the driver of the mini-bus and they are questioning witnesses. They are going to send the heads of the transport company the document requesting elimination of reasons and conditions contributing to disappearance of the child, who in such circumstances could have become a victim of a crime.

it is a matter of time to find the mini-bus driver, however, the Investigative Committee offers him to come to investigators voluntarily and explain the reasons of his behavior and circumstances of the incident.

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