Sentence to participants of mass disorders in the village of Sagra announced today in Yekaterinburg



Today Sverdlovsk Regional Court is passing a sentence on the accused under a criminal case over July 2011 mass disorders in the village of Sagra. This criminal case was investigated by the Urals Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee with operative support of the Urals Federal District Main Directorate of Interior Ministry. At present there are 23 prisoners at the bar, in addition, a criminal case against one more participant of mass disorders Magomed Bekov, who had escaped from investigators, was severed in a separate lawsuit. After Bekov was detained in Ingushetia, he was transported to Yekaterinburg and will start studying the files in a short time.

Within the investigation, investigators have carried out 83 expertise, including forensic situation examination, which allowed finding that the attackers were shooting in the direction of villagers and

threatened them, more than 200 people have been questioned, more than 100 objects and documents relevant for the case and making up 77 volumes have been examined.

What happened is Sagra is rather typical behavior for such criminal public. At first they are brave and daring, but as soon as they are repulsed or get under criminal investigation, they like children start shifting the guilt to one another. In this case during interrogations almost all the accused claimed that they were sitting in the last of 15 cars making the convoy, by this apparently they wanted to diminish their role in the crime. We can imagine a convoy of 14 empty cars and the last one with "peace delegates" armed with baseball bats and pieces of fittings. But investigators except testimonies of the accused had testimonies of victims and the main thing – results of expert examinations, including a unique forensic situation examination, which allowed finding that the attackers were shooting in the direction of villagers and threatened them.

By the way investigating operations in this case were finished in December 2011. The Accused and their defenders were dragging out the process of studying the files and refused to sign the procedural documents. As a result the whole process took more than three months and was finished only after investigators petitioned to limit the time for studying the files. I think, that the collected evidence allowed not only proving the fact of mass disorders in Sagra, but determining the role of each one of the 23 accused.

With this I should note that employees of Verkhepyshminsky inter-municipal department of the Interior Ministry district police officer Vadim Zayniyev and former Chief of Department of District Police Officers and juvenile department of the said inter-municipal department 42-year-old Sergey Zinovyev. Depending on the criminal acts committed by each of them they were found guilty of crimes under part 1 of article 293 of the RF Criminal Code (negligence) and paragraph "a" of part 3 of article 286 (exceeding official powers). Zinovyev was sentenced to 3 years and two months in a minimum-security correctional facility and his subordinate – Zayniyev – to 10 months of community work.

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