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## **Sentence passed on gang member operating in Ulyanovsk and Samara Regions**

A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee in the city of Nizhny Novgorod sufficient to convict Dmitry Lyovin, 23. He was found guilty of a robbery, banditry, plotting a murder of two people and illegal circulation of firearms and ammunition (part 2 of article 162, part 2 of article 209, part 1 of article 30 and paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105, part 3 of article 222 of the RF Penal Code).

The court and investigators have revealed that in 2013 Sergey Ageyev and an acquaintance of his Sergey Petrov set up a stable armed group active in the Samara and Ulyanovsk Regions. The gang included Shkayev and Lyovin, who were to kill two businessmen on hire. To do that Ageyev and Petrov got a Kalashnikov machine gun and two pistols with ammunition. They also had an improvised explosive device, a Kalashnikov assault rifle and a grenade. For a long time the gangsters kept track of their victims, devised schemes of murder and made ambushes, but failed to complete the plan, as were attacked by unidentified persons. Petrov was killed during the attack.

In addition, in 2011 Shlayev and Lyovin assaulted a Vice-President of a self-regulated company in Samara Region to intimidate him. They hit the victim multiple times on the head and limbs with iron rods causing an open craniocerebral trauma and closed fracture of left ulna equal to medium-range damage and stole his belongings worth 103 thousand rubles.

The court has sentenced Lyoving to 9 years in prison. Earlier Shkayev received 10 years in jail. Additionally, Ageyev was hiding from the investigators and wanted. He was detained in Moscow Region on 17 September 2014 and taken to custody, later he was charged with crimes under part 1 of article 209, part 1 of article 30 and paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105, part 3 of article 222 of the RF Penal Code. The investigation against Ageyev is ongoing.

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