
In Stavropol Territory Vladimir Ambartsumov found guilty of sexual abuse and murder of 9-year-old Anna Prokopenko in Pyatigorsk



Court found evidence collected by Stavropol Territory investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Vladimir Ambartsumov. He was found guilty of crimes under part 1 of article 132, paragraph "c" of part 3 of article 132, paragraph "b" of part 4 of article 132 (sexual violence), part 1 of article 131, paragraph "b" of part 4 of article 131 (rape – 3 charges), paragraphs "c" and "j" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Criminal Code (murder).

The court and investigation have found that on 23 July 2012, Ambartsumov, having encountered Anna Prokopenko on the street, introduced himself as sales representative of a cosmetics company and offered the girl to earn some money. For that he offered the girl to go to the office of the company, but lured the child into the forest, where he raped and sexually abused her. After that he strangled the girl and hid the body in the same forest covering it with elements of roofing slate.

We remind that it was possible to solve this case only thanks to coherent actions of an operative group who had very carefully examined the crime scene and determined the priority versions, including the murder by a person who had recently been released from prison. The check was organized quickly and DNA samples were taken from more than 200 former convicts including Ambartsumov who had been released from prison a month before the crime. During a microscopic examination the forensic experts of the Investigative Committee found traces on the victim's clothes. The examination results confirmed that they belonged to Ambartsumov. Records were seized from all CCTV cameras near the crime scene. They recorded a man resembling the accused who was with the girl not long before the crime. Investigators questioned a lot of witnesses, including a woman working in an institution nearby. During the investigation the woman recognized Ambartsumov as the man who had been with the girl. Check of phone billing confirmed that the accused used his cellphone close to the crime scene. Ambartsumov's mental state was carefully checked and his testimonial made. Namely, the in-patient examination of a sexologist, an expert in drug addiction and psychiatrist found that he was sane and disposed to pedophilia.

In addition, during inquiry, investigators found more crimes committed by Ambartsumov. Namely, on 3 July 2012, he raped a young woman in Pyatigorsk and in September 2004 pretending to help with a leak in a bathroom, came in one of the flats in a block of flats in Pyatigorsk and sexually abused a 12-year-old girl, who was in the flat without parents.

The court sentenced Ambartsumov to life in a penal colony with particular treatment. In addition moral damage of 1 million rubles was exacted from him for benefit of the girl's mother.

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