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## **Case against one of accused of murder of Solomon Gavrilov and other murders in Moscow and Moscow Region in 2005-2007 sent to court**



The Investigation Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation in the Central Federal District has finished investigating a criminal case against Dmitry Makarenko – a member of a stable armed group (gang), which committed a number of attacks with the purpose of murder-on-hire in the period between 2005 and 2009. He is charged with crimes under Part 2 of Article 209 of the Criminal Code (participation in the gang), Paragraphs "a, g, h" of Part 2 of Article 105 of the Criminal Code (murder for hire), Part 3 of Article 222 of the Criminal Code (trafficking in weapons).

At first investigators launched a probe in 2009 into a murder of businessman Solomon Gavrilov committed under dark circumstances. Numerous investigating and search operations found that Dmitry Makarenko, Yuri Khasanov and Grigory Shevchenko were involved in the murder. All of

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them were arrested in December 2011 and placed in custody.

During the investigation Makarenko studied the evidence and asked the court a pre-trial cooperation agreement.

Later the investigation found that Makarenko, along with Khasanov and Shevchenko had acted as a member of a gang organized by Andrey Safronov in 2005. Except for the murder of Gavrilov, investigators found that the members of the gang were entangled in attacks on four businessmen, three of whom were killed. The criminal cases over those crimes were filed into a single lawsuit.

Investigators have collected enough evidence, therefore, the case against Makarenko with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits. Criminal investigation against Khasanov and Shevchenko is about to be finished. Safronov, who is on the run, is internationally wanted.

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