## Criminal investigation launched into publication of materials containing slander and offence of State Duma deputies



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee based on the consideration of an application by deputies of the State Duma of Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Yelena Mizulina and Olga Batalina has started a criminal case over signs of crimes under part 1 of article 128.1 and article 319 of the RF Criminal Code (slander, offence of a representative of the authority).

According to investigators, in the period between May and June 2013, the unknown people published in the Internet materials containing public offences of the State Duma deputies Yelena Mizulina and Olga Batalina as representatives of the authority. In addition, they spread knowingly false information connected with the professional activity of the deputy Mizulina.

At present investigating operations are underway to find the persons involved in publication and all the circumstances of the crime. Investigation is ongoing.
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