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## **Murderer of little Bogdan Prakhov in Vladimir Region to be put in special psychiatric prison**



Court has found the evidence gathered by investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee in Vladimir Region enough to sentence a 36-year-old, 2 group mentally challenged man from the town of Petushki to confinement in a psychiatric prison. He was found guilty of the crime under paragraph "c" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of a small child) and beating a 9-year-old boy (part 1 of article 116).

According to investigators on 19 June 2012, the man was on a walk alone near the village of Gribobo. Near the gardening society Mir he saw two boys riding bicycles. When he went near the boys he was sick due to his disease. Expecting mocks from the boys that were looking at him, Kozlov suddenly had a hostile attitude to them. Not having been able to control his actions, he hit the elder boy with a fist on his head, grabbed him, pushed to the earth road and then several more times

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hit him on the head. Then he grabbed the smaller boy and ran with him to the forest, where he held him by the ankles and beat the boy's head several times on a tree trunk. After that he stripped the boy of his clothes, took him deeper in the forest and left there. 5-year-old Bogdan Prakhov died on the spot of the injuries.

During the probe there were conducted a number of investigating operations allowing making an objective procedural decision and proving that the man had a hand in the crime. During the investigative experiment and several checks the man, despite winter and thick snow, showed precisely the place where he attacked the boys, the place in the forest where he undressed Bogdan, hid his clothes and where he left him. The details given by the man about the crime he committed were objectively confirmed by testimonies of witnesses and other evidence gathered.

Analyses of the man's mental state and personality shows that he is a reserved and unsociable man, one of the reasons of which is that his speech is more often unintelligible, which explains his inadequate behavior. It is known that after his staying at Vladimir Region psychiatric hospital No 1 when he was 7, the man was monitored by a local psychiatrist. However, in 2005 the surveillance was lifted due to a stable state and adaptation in society. Later on he several times came to doctors complaining about bad headaches and low blood pressure. But the forensic psychiatric expert examination ordered by investigators found that the man suffered from a mental disorder. Moreover, the specialists pointed out that this disorder was so severe that at the moment of the crime he could not realize the sense and public danger of his actions or control them.

It should be reminded that investigators have carried out meticulous systematic work, during which they have questioned more than 20 thousand people, run over 60 expert examinations using modern methods, including forensic expert examinations, molecular and DNA, dactylographic, tracealogical, botanical, soil, smell, biological and others. Main Forensic Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has run over 10 thousand DNA tests of biological samples which allowed identifying the criminal.

The trials were closed and the accused was not present, as he had been placed in a specialized clinic in the city of Kostroma, the specialists of which recommended against his presence in the courtroom because of his poor health.

The Vladimir Region Court has sentenced the accused to confinement in a psychiatric prison with intense oversight.

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