

In Moscow investigation against members of gang charged with especially grave crimes finished



Moscow Main Investigation Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has completed investigating a criminal case against Sergey Balikhin, Viktor Yakubev, Marat Yusupov and Yuri Kozlov. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under article 209 of the RF Penal Code (banditry), paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (murder), part 4 of article 162 (robbery), part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

According to investigators, in 2009, Balikhin set up a stable armed group (gang) to attack citizens and rob them. The attacks were carefully planned and committed with especial cynicism and cruelty. The investigators have established involvement of the gang members in murder of 9 people. Criminal cases over assault related to robbery in a flat in Zarevy proyezd, during which on 7 March 2009 three people were murdered, including an underage; over the murder of a salesperson of a kiosk in Linia Oktyabrskoy Zheleznoy Dorogi Street on 26 November 2010; over an assault on a pawnshop in Bryanskaya street on 18 March 2011, when the malefactors killed 3 employees; and a case over assault related to robbery on the jewellery store Wedding in Butyrskaya Street in Moscow

on 29 December 2011, when a director of the store was killed; over the murder of an elderly woman on 20 February 2012 in Domodedovo were filed in a single lawsuit.

During the inquiry Balikhin gave detailed confessionary evidence and gave away the accused. During the search conducted in October 2012 in a holiday house of one of the accomplices the investigators confiscated three grenades, two sawn-off guns, five pistols, including the one used for murders.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, therefore the case has been forwarded for the indictment to be approved and further on to court to be tried on the merits.

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