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## **In Astrakhan Region order of court to close criminal case against former director of Raznochinovka children home for mental defectives annulled**



On the order of the Chairman of the Russia's Investigative Committee his senior aide Igor Komissarov has paid a working visit to Astrakhan Region to check the legality of closing a criminal case against former head of Raznochinovka children home for mental defectives Valentina Urazaliyeva charged with abuse of office (article 285 of the RF Penal Code).

The investigation confirmed the fact that a 6-year-old girl, who had resided in the facility since 2001, was brutally raped. Valentina Urazaliyeva, who had headed Raznochinovka children home for mental defectives for over 30 years, knew about the especially grave crime against the invalid and other inmates of the facility, but hid them not reporting to law enforcement and not taking any necessary measures to restore rights of the children.

During the working trip the senior aide of the Investigative Committee Chairman together with other officials of the region visited the former inmate of Raznochinovka children home for mental defectives, that had been abused, and her mother to find out what kind of help had been provided to them by the local authorities after revealing the outrageous facts and interference of law enforcement. Over the past 10 years the family had received help only from federal agencies – the Russia's Investigative Committee, Public Chamber of the Russian President, Healthcare Ministry, while no help had been offered by regional or municipal executive authorities. In addition, due to the fact that an uncontrolled pack of stray dogs had been detected haunting the area around the facility, a pre-investigating check was launched into failure by the municipal head to discharge duties to catch

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the stray animals.

The senior aide also met with the father of a 10-year-old boy, who had been abused by 19-year-old resident of Moscow Anton Babkin. The father asked to give Chairman of the Russia's Investigative Committee Alexander Bastrykin his personal thanks and sincere respect for the work done by investigators in Astrakhan, who had not only done their duty efficiently and professionally but had taken active part in life of the family and rehabilitation of the child.

The matters of rights and legal interests of underage inmates of children care facilities in the region were the subject of discussion at a meeting with the governor of Astrakhan Region. At the meeting it was decided to adopt in the region positive practice of the city of Saint-Petersburg in creating a single system for assisting underage children in difficult life situations, socially dangerous position, including abused ones.

Following the results of the working visit of the senior aide the court order to stop prosecuting former director of Raznochinovka children home for mental defectives Valentina Urazaliyeva was annulled. Officials of the Astrakhan Region Investigations Directorate will carefully study and check information given by former inmates of the facility at a personal appointment of the senior aide to the Chairman of the Russia's Investigative Committee. It should be noted that the Investigative Committee pays special attention to investigating crimes committed against children and looking into reasons and conditions promoting such crimes.

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