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## **Pre-investigating check launched in tampering with evidence in Vladimir Barsukov case**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has launched a pre-investigating check into tampering with the evidence by defense in a criminal case against Vladimir Barsukov (Kumarin) reported by the RF General-Prosecutor's Office.

During another off-site meeting of Saint-Petersburg city court with the jury trying the criminal case against Vladimir Barsukov and three of his accomplices charged with murder and attempted murder (part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code, part 3 of article 30, part 2 of article 105) Barsukov's lawyers produced new evidence – audio records, which allegedly had been put in a witness's mail box. According to the lawyers the flash drive contained records of phone talks between Vyacheslav Eneyev convicted in 2010 of extortion committed together with Barsukov and Oleg Mikhalyov, which showed that the victim had paid Mikhalyov 500 thousand US dollars for testifying against Barsukov as the organizer of attempted murder and murder.

The investigators are sure that the lawyers are trying to discredit the evidence of the prosecution to

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release Barsukov from criminal responsibility by presenting materials whose origin and content are a subject of serious doubt.

We remind that in the afternoon of 5 May 2006 Mikhalyov brothers gunned down from sub-machine guns two cars of the businessman and his security guard on Levashovsky prospekt in Saint-Petersburg. One of the bodyguards was killed, others were wounded.

Earlier court has found Oleg Mikhalyov guilty of the crime and he is now serving in prison.

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