
Gang member found guilty of killing businessman's family in Krasnodar Territory and other crimes



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict member of a stable armed group (gang) Dmitry Zapozhnikov. He was found guilty of crimes under part 2 of article 290 of the RF Penal Code (banditry), paragraphs "a", "f", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (murder), part 3 of article 30, paragraphs "a", "f", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (attempted murder), part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators found that in 1999, Sergey Zirinov, now a deputy of Krasnodar Territory legislative assembly, and Ambartsum Eyriyan set up a criminal group composed of Dmitry Sapozhnikov, Miroshnikov and at some stages court official Yevgeny Alexandrovich, ex-police officer Igor Nekhayenko, Karnik Aslanyan, Eduard Paladyan, Amar Suloyev, Anastas Tilgerov and others. Before 2013, the gang members out of mercenary motives killed CEO of ZAO Malaya Bukhta Sanatorium and his wife, CEO of OOO Children Goods, and attempted to kill deputy ataman of Anapa Cossack Society and killed his driver. All the crimes were carefully planned, each gang member has its role, using firearms and camouflage.

During the investigation Miroshnikov and Sapozhnikov concluded cooperation deals and cases against them were severed into separate lawsuits. They testified against organizers and other gang members.

Today Zapozhnikov has been sentenced to 19 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

Earlier the court sentenced Miroshnikov to 14 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

At present the investigation against other accomplices – leaders and gang members is ongoing. Measures are being taken to find and hold Eyriyan and Nekhayenko, who are internationally wanted. At the same time the investigators are checking if the gang members were involved in other crimes.

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