
Another two defendants charged in Moscow metro crash investigation



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have brought charges against chief operating officer of the subcontractor "Spetstekhrekonstruktsiya" Anatoly Kruglov and section deputy chief of the metro's repair department Alexei Trofimov. They have been accused of offenses under part 3 of article 263 of the RF Penal Code (violations of transportation safety causing the death of two or more persons).

According to investigators, Kruglov was responsible for installing a railroad switch on the stretch between Park Pobedy (Victory Park) and Slavyansky Bulvar (Slavic Boulevard) stations, but failed to exercise proper control. Investigators believe that Trofimov, who personally participated in the works, did not ensure proper fastening of the switch blade. These actions together with those of other suspects in the criminal case - Valery Bashkatov and Yuri Gordov - led to the accident that entailed a train derailment killing 22 people and causing injuries to over 150 metro passengers.

Earlier, similar charges were brought against senior track supervisor of Moscow Underground Railway Valery Bashkatov and his assistant Yuri Gordov.

Currently, investigative actions aimed at establishing all the circumstances of the incident are ongoing.

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