
Organizer of gang killing co-founder of OOO Interfrukt Solomon Gavrilov and other businessmen detained



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Central Federal District are investigating a criminal case over murder of co-founder of OOO Interfrukt Solomon Gavrilov and other businessmen in the Moscow Region and have detained Andrey Safronov, who was wanted. He was charged with crimes under part 1 of article 209, paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105, part 1 of article 222 of the RF Penal Code (banditry, murder, illegal circulation of firearms).

According to investigators, in 2005, Andrey Safronov set up a gang involving two friends of his: Dmitry Makarenko and Yuri Hasanov, and later, in 2009 - Grigory Shevchenko. The investigators have found out that the gang was involved in attacks on 5 businessmen in the city of Moscow and Moscow Region. They believe that it was Safronov who organizer of all the crimes. Four of five businessmen died. Khasanov took part in all attacks, Shevchenko in the gang attack on Solomon

Gavrilov in 2009. At first there was only the criminal case over the murder of Gavrilov, but later the investigators found more crimes committed by the gang. In accordance with their roles, attacks on victims were carried by Makarenko and Hasanov, and in the latter case, Shevchenko followed the victim and signaled the killers to act. It was found that members of the gang watched the victims for a long time and used illegally acquired weapons and armor. The gang ceased to exist in December 2011 after most of its members had been detained by law enforcement officials.

Khasanov, Shevchenko and Makarenko have already been sentenced to long terms in prison for the said crimes. Yuri Izrailov, who had presumably ordered Gavrilov's murder, is wanted. At present the investigators are identifying those who had ordered other murders committed by the gang. The investigation is ongoing.

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