
Man charged with a series of brutal robberies of elderly women detained in Saint-Petersburg



Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case over a robbery of an elderly woman. The crime has widely resonated in the public as the footage of brutal battery of the woman was shown by mass media.

A lot of investigative and search operations have been carried out. After careful analyses of all the data and thanks to expertise of investigators and officials of Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region Main Office of the Ministry of the Interior, Vladimir Bugayev, 36, who has several previous police records for robberies, has been identified, apprehended and exposed of having committed a series of robberies.

According to investigators, on 16 December 2014, Bugayev attacked a 75-year-old woman in the entrance hall of an apartment building in Malaya Balkonskaya street. He kicked the woman multiple times, stole from her pocket 20 thousand rubles of her pension and fled the scene.

Bugayev has confessed to the crime during an interrogation and to several other similar robberies committed on 27 December 2014 in Zina portnova street, in early December 2014 on the crossroads of streets Kollontay and Tovarishchesky prospekt and between 5 and 9 January 2015 in Yuri Gagarin prospekt.

In all cases the accused followed his future victims near post offices, where they received their pensions. He cynically chose elderly woman, the ones who could not fight back or resist, followed them, and once in an entrance hall beat them hard and stole their pensions.

In addition, he committed a larceny in November 2014 in Kalininsky district in Saint-Petersburg.

At the current time the investigators are asking a court to place Bugayev in custody. He has been charged with a crime under part 1 of article 162 of the RF Penal Code (robbery). The criminal cases will soon be joined to form a single proceeding.

The investigation is kept under special control by senior officials of Saint-Petersburg Investigations Directorate.

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