
In Saint-Petersburg sentence passed on members of gang guilty of series of grave and very grave crimes including attempt on life of police officer

A court has recognized the evidence gathered by Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Mikhail Batashev, Bladislav Vorozhtsov, Dmitry Sidorov, Irina Danilova, Boris Makedon, Yekaterina Romanova, Dmitry Pritula and Roman Filatov. Depending on the role they were charged with crimes under part 1 of article 30, paragraph "a" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (plotting a murder), part 2 of article 237 (forgery of documents), part 1 of article 209 (banditry), paragraph "a" of part 4 of article 162, part 1 of article 30, paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 4 of article 162 (robbery and preparing for robbery), article 317 (attempt on the life of a law enforcement official), part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators have found out that no later than in August 2009, Batashev, Vorozhtsov and Vladislav Parushenkov, a wanted criminal, for the purpose of getting regular illegal income from crimes set up a gang and involved Danilova, Makedon, Romanova, Pritula and Filatov. The gangsters were armed with pistols, revolvers, a sawn-off one-barrel hunting rifle, two grenade launchers (RGD-26), 2 Kalashnikov assault rifles, hunting carbine Tiger, knives, that they actively used during their assaults and to protect themselves.

In the period between December 2009 and August 2010, the gangsters committed 9 robberies of citizens and illegal gambling clubs in the city of Saint-Petersburg and stole over 2 million 500 thousand rubles. They also prepared to commit 2 more robberies.

On 4 August 2010, while preparing for the robbery of a gambling club in Krasnogvardeysky district Vorozhtsov, Batashev and Parushenkov tried to kill two police officers of Krasnogvardeysky district police station. One of the officers was killed, the other suffered grievous bodily harm. After that Batashev stole from the victims two government-issue PM pistols.

The court has sentenced Vorozhtsov to 21.5 years in prison, Batashev to 17 years, Sidorov to 11 years, Pritula to 13 years, Filatov to 14 years, Makedon to 11 years. All terms to be served in a maximum-security penal colony. In addition ruled Vorozhtsov to pay 1 million rubles for each of the victims and satisfied the suit of non-departmental security office.

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