
In Smolensk Region charges brought against man detained in Moscow on suspicion of a series of children sexual abuses



Smolensk Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have charged a man detained in Moscow with 1 count of crimes committed in Smolensk Region (paragraph "b" of part 4 of article 132 of the RF Penal Code – sexual abuse of a person under 14).

The suspect was detained as a result of joint efforts of investigators, criminalists of the Russia's Investigative Committee and officers of the Main Crime Detection Office of the Russian Ministry of the Interior, who had run complex analyses of the data on possible involvement of a number of individuals to the said crimes.

An express DNA test of biological traces found at the crime scenes was run and genotype of the perpetrator determined thanks to modern high-tech equipment of the Main Forensic Office of the Russia's Investigative Committee. Over several years criminalists of the Main Investigations

Directorate studied the perpetrator's manner thoroughly and found that the mechanism of crimes was the same in all cases – the perpetrator lured children in a car, took them to a deserted place and abused. The investigators looked through lists of car owners, over 30 thousand in all, who could have been at crime scenes at a given period of time. As a result of this careful many-year work they zeroed in on one suspect.

During the search, the investigators found objects confirming the suspect's involvement.

Besides, it was revealed that the man committed sex crimes against girls aged between 12 and 15 in at least 5 regions in the Central Federal District of the Russian Federation.

The investigators have filed with a court a request to place the man in custody pending trial.

The investigators together with criminalists continue looking at other crimes the man could have been involved in. This way, they believe that the suspect started his criminal activity in 1987. The investigation is ongoing.

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