
In St. Petersburg director of supermarket who provoked conflict with survivor of Leningrad Siege charged with arbitrariness and reckless homicide



Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has charged director of Magnit supermarket 43-year-old Olga Konyukhova with arbitrariness (part 1 of article 330 of the RF Penal Code) and reckless homicide due to improper execution of work duties (part 2 of article 109).

According to investigators, on 3 February 2015, in Magnit supermarket located in building no 2/5 in Shirokaya street Konyukhova saw that an elderly woman went through the check out and did not pay for three packs of butter. She could take some reasonable measures, but she provoked a conflict by refusing to take the money the elderly woman offered as a pay for the butter. The accused personally blocked the woman's way to her purchases that were in her bag and a hand cart and ordered the

supermarket staff to do the same. This way Konyukhova practically confiscated the unpaid purchases while not having any authority to do it and by that violated the legal procedure for confiscating things. In addition, together with the unpaid goods the accused confiscated woman's things. Konyukhova failed to weigh her actions with the degree of public danger of the violation or take into consideration the woman's old age, she unreasonably provoked a conflict producing considerable emotional effect by saying some rude words to the woman. The said actions of the accused lead to a psychological traumatic situation to the elderly woman, who had survived the siege of Leningrad and suffered from coronary artery disease which considering her old age and poor health lead to an acute myocardial infarction and death.

At present investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the crime. The investigators think it possible that the current charges will be added to by another one. The progress of the investigation is under special control of senior officials of Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate.

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