
Trial over one of men involved in murder committed in Amur Region in 2006 begins in Japan



The Amur Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have investigated a criminal case over a murder committed in September 2006 in the village of Arkhara, Arkhara District, Amur Region.

According to investigators Vladimir Uvarov together with citizen of Japan Yasuaki Vakukava with accomplice of Svetlana Kioresku committed a contract murder.

The investigators have revealed that on 5 July 2006, Russian citizen Svetlana Kioresku married Vakukava in the city of Osaka (Japan) and on 29 August 2006, the couple arrived from Japan to Russia. At the same time a citizen of Japan Tanaka, with whom Vakukava had had a conflict in Japan also arrived in Russia.

Vakukava decided to kill his compatriot and asked his wife to find a local resident for the job. The woman found a man called Vladimir Uvarov, whom she had known for a long time and had been in friendly relations. Uvarov agreed to the job and asked 3,000 US dollars for it.

On 10 September 2006, about midnight Uvarov was in a café Kozero in Oktyabrskaya street in the village of Arkhara together with Kioresku, Vakukava and Tanaka. He offered all of them to go to a reservoir located 2,750 meters to the west of the village of Chernoberyozovka. There the perpetrators killed the victim with a self-made knife. In accordance with their agreement Uvarov received from Vakukava 20 thousand rubles and 2,000 US dollars as a fee for the murder.

The victim's skeleton was found on 23 October 2006, however then the people involved in the murder were not found. However, the Amur Region investigating bodies continued investigating the crime. In February 2008, the investigators received some information that allowed them to identify the killer. To identify the victim, his face was recreated using his skull, genotypescopic and other forensic inquiries were run.

During the probe the investigators established close cooperation with the law enforcement bodies of Japan.

In December 2009, based on the evidence gathered by the Amur Region Investigations Directorate Uvarov was found guilty of a crime under paragraphs "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code and sentenced to 17 years in prison. Kioresky was found guilty of a crime under part 5 of article 33, paragraphs "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 and got 7 years.

The records on Vakukava who was hiding in Japan were severed from the case and passed over to law enforcement officials in Japan. The trial on Vakukava has started in Japan.

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