

## **In Tatarstan criminal probe opened against executor in connection with fatal fire at Admiral shopping center**



The Tatarstan investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched a criminal investigation against an executor of inter-district department of the regional Office of the Federal Bailiffs Service Minzilya Safina. She is suspected of a crime under part 3 of article 293 of the RF Penal Code (negligence).

According to preliminary information, in the afternoon of 11 March 2015, a fire started at the Admiral shopping center in the city of Kazan. According to the latest data 5 people were killed in the fire and at least 30 were injured. The material damage is considerable. It has been revealed, that in 2013, prosecutor's office authorities checked if OOO Zarya followed fire regulations in operation of the Admiral shopping center and found a lot of violations there. Following the check an action was filed with the court requesting elimination of all the violations. However, on 12 November 2013, Safina finished the enforcement proceeding on OOO Zarya in connection with its alleged actual execution. A repeated check in 2014, revealed that over half of the violations remained in place.

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Namely, the shopping center was not divided into compartments in accordance with a maximum allowed area. The building did not have fire exhaust ventilation to remove the smoke in case of a fire. There was no pumping station for automated fire-control units and for raising pressure in internal fire water supply system. Power lines had no protecting cutout devices that prevent fires in case of faulty collectors. As a result the prosecutor's office made a protest and resumed the enforcement proceeding against OOO Zarya.

The CEO of a leaseholder company Guseyn Gakhramanov, 30, has been detained and restraint is under discussion. The presumable cause of the fire was a short circuit. Investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the fire. The investigation in fire safety breaches and negligence that resulted in deaths of people is ongoing.

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