
In Orenburg Region local resident sentenced to life imprisonment for brutal murder of two young women committed 5 years ago



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Orenburg Region investigative bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict a 44-year-old former criminal from the village of Adamovka Viktor Smaga. He was found guilty of a crime under paragraph "a" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of two people).

The court and investigators have found that in the morning of 9 April 2009, two girlfriends aged 18 and 20 left their homes in the village of Adamovka to find a job. In the part near a fountain they met a man, who asked if they were looking for an apartment. He offered them to live in his apartment, while he was living in Moscow. The girls had a look on the apartment and in the evening brought their things to stay there. Their relatives tried to talk them out of the hasty step as the man was a stranger. The next day the sister of one of the girls went looking for her sister, but to no result. Smaga told the girls' relatives that he had not seen them. But the investigative operations found out

the circumstances of the crime. Between the evening of 9 April and the evening of 10 April 2009, Smaga was drunk and during a sudden fight he had with the two girls in his apartment in the village of Adamovka he stabbed one of them at least twice and stifled the second one with a pillow. To hide the traces of the crime, the man moved the bodies to an abandoned cellar owned by his family and located not far from his home, where the bodies were found in October 2010.

The crime remained unsolved for a long time, but the involvement of the local man to the murder of the girls was revealed thanks to carefully planned actions of the investigators of the local investigative committee and investigative and search operations carried out by officials of the operative investigation department No 1 of the regional office of the Russian Ministry of the Interior.

During the probe the accused pled not guilty. However, his guilt was proved by a body of evidence: statements of witnesses, protocols of scene examinations, a set of forensic inquiries. A forensic psychiatric test showed that Smaga was sane and had understood what he was doing during the crime, did not suffer from any mental disorders and was not in an affective or any other uncontrolled state.

The court sentenced Smaga to life imprisonment to be served in a special security penal colony.

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