## Leader of organized criminal group deported in Kemerovo Region

The Kemerovo Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating criminal cases of past years. This way, they have resumed a preliminary investigation in a probe severed in a separate proceeding against 4 members of a criminal community charged with crimes under paragraph "a" of part 3 of article 163 of the RF Penal Code (extortion committed by an organized group), paragraph "a" of part 3 of article 161 (robbery committed by an organized group), part 2 of article 210 (membership in a criminal community), part 3 of article 159.2 (frauds with payouts).

According to investigators, between 2010 and 2012, an organized criminal community operated in the town of Yurga, extorting money or ownership of property, kidnapping and committing other felonies. The activity of the community was broken by joint actions of the investigators of the regional Investigative Committee and officials of Organized Crime Department of the Kemerovo Region Office of the Ministry of the Interior in 2012, after most of its members had been detained. Charges were pressed against over 20 defendants. 4 more members of the criminal community escaped and were charged and ruled to be placed in custody in absentia. A 25-year-old accused has been detained in Thailand. On 28 March 2015, he was brought in Kemerovo Region. Charges will be brought soon.

At the present time, necessary investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the crime. The investigation is ongoing.

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