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## **In Rostov Region six members of Aslan Gagiyev’s gang to stand trial**



The North Caucasus Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia’s Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against members of a criminal community headed by Aslan Gagiyev – Artur Tibilov, Valery Pliyev, Oleg Khamitsev, Chermen Sugarov, Azamat Sidakov and Tamerlan Kozyrev. Depending on the role of each one, they are charged with crimes under part 2 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal community), part 2 of article 209 (membership in a stable armed group (gang) or participation in crimes committed by it), paragraphs “a”, “f”, “g” and “h” of part 2 of article 105 (murder of two or more people), part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms and ammunition, committed by an organized group), parts 1 and 2 of article 167 (deliberate destruction or damage of the other’s property), parts 1 and 2 of article 228 (illegal storage of drugs) and part 2 of article 326 (forgery or destruction of a car ID).

According to investigators, Tibilov and Pliyev were members of a gang headed by Bakhrom

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Sekinayev, which was a division of a criminal community set up in Moscow and North Ossetia-Alania by Aslan Gagiyeu. On 25 November 2012, in the town of Alagir, North Ossetia, Tibilov and Pliyev took part in killing Taymur Kadzayev and badly injuring Zaira Zavkhalova; on 19 May 2013, in the city of Vladikavkaz – in killing Valery Laliyev and on 12 June 2013, in Vladikavkaz – in killing Alan Torchinov.

In their turn Khamitsev, Sugarov, Sidakov and Kozyrev being members of a gang headed by Oleg Dzarakhokhov, which was also a division of Gagiyeu's gang, on 14 January 2011, in the village of Chermen, North Ossetia, killed Vitaly and Vladislav Bagayev. On 13 October 2011, in the city of Vladikavkaz the accomplices killed Soslan Khugayev; on 20 December 2011 – Vadim Dzhoyev and injured Vitaly Kaytov. On 22 August 2012, the accused attempted to kill Ruslan Bdaytsiyev and injured Zalina Kusova. On 13 June 2013, in the city of Beslan, North Ossetia, during funerals four of the gangsters killed Aslan Torchinov and Albeg Playev and badly injured Tamerlan and Aslanbek Torchinov. All the murders were committed on the instructions of Aslan Gagiyeu.

In addition, Tibilov, Pliyev, Khamitsev, Sugarov, Sidakov and Kozyrev took part in illegal circulation of firearms, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices, deliberate damage of property, use of forged state registration marks and illegal drug dealing.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, so the case against the said individuals with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

Earlier a court found a number of gangsters of the same gang guilty of felonies. Namely, in 2014 Bakhrom Sekinayev got 17 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony. Besides, an investigation is ongoing against 16 more members of Gagiyeu's gang, including against the Gagiyeu himself and leader of one of the divisions Oleg Dzarakhokhov.

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