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## **In Sakhalin Region man shooting at people in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk cathedral jailed**



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Khabarovsk-based 6<sup>th</sup> investigations department of the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict Stepan Komarov. He was found guilty of crimes under paragraphs "a", "b", "h" and "k" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of two or more people), paragraphs "c" and "f" of part 2 of article 111 (deliberate infliction of grievous bodily harm), part 2 of article 213 (hooliganism), part 2 of article 214 (vandalism), part 1 of article 243 (destruction or damage of cultural heritage), paragraph "a" of part 2 of article 282 (instigation of hatred or enmity and humiliation of dignity).

The court and investigators have revealed that on 9 February 2014, Komarov, serving a security guard with money collectors of OOO OA Tsenturia, got a gun – an MR-133 rifle and 10 cartridges to it for his service. Then he had a plot of instigating hatred and enmity to religious people in a radical way. On the save day Komarov went to Resurrection Cathedral in the city of Yuzhno-

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Sakhalinsk and using obscene language demanded all the present there to leave. After that demonstrating his superiority and wishing to humiliate the defenseless people professing the Orthodoxy, he shot at the people's feet. As a result 7 people were wounded. After that Komarov forced an elderly woman to leave the Cathedral on her knees at a gun point. Then he shot 4 times at a man, who tried to stop him. The man died on the spot. Wishing to kill everyone, who did not followed his demands, Komarov also shot dead a female representative of the Russian Orthodoxy. In addition, Komarov shot at the icons of much historical and cultural value causing over 1 million rubles worth damage.

The court has sentenced Komarov to 24 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

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