

In St. Petersburg former director of Magnit supermarket to stand trial on charges of arbitrariness and reckless homicide of survivor of Leningrad Siege



Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against former director of Magnit supermarket Olga Konyukhova charged with crimes under article 109 and article 330 of the RF Penal Code (reckless homicide and arbitrariness).

According to investigators, on 3 February 2015, between 2:52 PM and 3:19 PM, in Magnit supermarket located in building no 2/5 in Shirokaya street Konyukhova watched how an elderly woman, a survivor of Leningrad Siege paid for her purchases 548.99 rubles, leaving in her cart three packs of butter worth 337.5 rubles. Then Konyukhova not being sure that the woman intended to steal something, aware that she was an elderly person and might have suffered chronic diseases, did not offer her to pay for the butter but illegally refused to take the payment for it. In addition, Konyukhova rudely and categorically accused the elderly woman of shoplifting causing a psychologic

traumatic situation. The accused personally blocked the woman's way to her purchases that were in her bag and a hand cart and ordered the supermarket staff to do the same, this way she illegally confiscated woman's things, which had additional pressure on the emotional state of the woman. She did not take into consideration that the woman took drugs, ignored pronounced trembling of her hand and deterioration of her speech pointing to a high level of nervousness and the possible development of stenocardia. Konyukhova called the police who delivered the woman to a police station for questioning. On the same day the elderly woman died at 4:50 PM, in Kronshtadt district police station of acute heart failure caused by the stress situation that had worsened the chronic disease of the victim entailing development of stenocardia and a heart attack.

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

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