
Three suspects detained in explosion of pyrotechnics in Oryol



Oryol Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case opened over an explosion of a pyrotechnics warehouse that happened on 23 April 2015 in Zabodskoy district in the town of Oryol. The explosion killed 2 people and injured 23, including 4 minors. The explosion also damaged 2 social institutions (a school and a kindergarten), 68 houses, of which 10 were destroyed. The criminal investigation was launched in crimes under article 218 of the RF Penal Code (violation of stocktaking, storage, transportation or use of explosive, inflammable materials or pyrotechnics), part 3 of article 238 (manufacture, storage, transportation or selling of goods, performing works or providing services that do not meet safety standards).

According to investigators the pyrotechnics that caused the explosion belonged to OOO MAKС which under the license of the Ministry of Industry and Trade sold pyrotechnics of 4 and 5th classes in compliance with the national standard and organized fireworks using pyrotechnics. The director of the OOO MAKС was the killed Ivan Shukayev. It has been revealed that the premises in 1st Pushkarnaya street in the town of Oryol belonged to Shukayev's relative and was used as a workshop

for illegal manufacture and storage of pyrotechnics.

As of today over 70 people have been questioned, 68 destroyed and damaged buildings have been examined; 9 forensic expert examinations (medical, DNA and pyrotechnical) have been assigned; 9 searches and seizures have been conducted in state authorities, local government, Emergencies Ministry Main Office for Oryol Region, Interior Ministry Main Office for Oryol Region; other investigative and search operations have been carried out,

At present former deputy head of office No 2 of district police officers (for Zavodskoy district), senior district police officer of the said office have been detained under article 91 of the Criminal Procedure Code and questioned as suspects. They failed to take measures to check the activity of OOO MAKS while there were appeals filed by citizens that pointed to illegal storage of pyrotechnics. Technician of OOO MAKS has also been detained.

As soon as the charges are brought the investigators will request the court to put the accused in custody pending trial. The investigation is ongoing.

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