
In Moscow Region local resident sentenced to 25 years in prison for torturing and killing child

A court has recognized the evidence gathered by Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict a 27-year-old local resident, He was found guilty of crimes under paragraph "c" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of a child), paragraph "c" of part 2 of article 112 (deliberate cause of medium bodily harm) and paragraph "d" of part 2 of article 117 (torture committed against a helpless minor).

The court and investigators have revealed that between March 2008 and July 2013 the defendant lived with a 25-year-old local woman and her 7-year-old daughter. They had also two daughters together born in 2013 and 2011. During their living together the man always addressed the woman's daughter using obscene language, regularly beat her in the present of her mother, showing that he did not like the way the girl behaved and reproaching her for not being his daughter.

On 7 July 2013, when the man was again alone with the girl, he started beating her, first he punched and kicked her, but then he used blunt hard objects. In all, he inflicted at least 16 blows on her head, at least 7 blows in her chest, 1 blow in her stomach, and at least 20 blows on her limbs. The girl passed out and the man fearing that he would be jailed for that and wanting to clear suspicions took her to a hospital and told that the girl had choked on some food. Despite the fact that doctors did everything they could the girl died in the hospital.

The court has sentenced the man to 25 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

The files of investigation against the girl's mother, who knew that her husband had tortured and beat her daughter, but did nothing to protect her child or report the crime to the police, have been forwarded to the local police department.

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