
In Moscow Region based on guilty verdict three defendants found guilty of killing head of group of companies Furniture Factory 8 Marta



A court and the jury have recognized the evidence gathered by Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to pass on a sentence over the murder of the head of the group of companies Furniture Factory 8 Marta. Depending on the role of each one Alexey Pronin, Vitaly Antishin and Mikhail Ishchenko were found guilty of crimes under part 3 of article 33, paragraphs "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (organization of murder), paragraphs "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (murder) and part 2 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators revealed that the organizer of the businessman's murder was his business partner Alexey Pronin. The motive was that the latter had irrationally spent the money the

businessman had given to buy several buildings owned by OAO Ryazan Motion-Picture Printing Factory located in the city of Ryazan. In January 2012, the accused, afraid that businessman might take some steps regarding his irrational spending of the money and failure to fulfill guaranteed obligations in buying buildings from Ryazan Motion-Picture Printing Factory, and sure that the businessman would demand compensation, decided to have him killed. He found Antishin and Ishchenko, worked out a plan and killed the businessman.

To commit the crime Pronin provided his accomplices with weapons and a car. On 20 May 2012 about 1 AM, the killers on a road across the house the victim lived involved Kravchenko's Mercedes Benz in an accident and blocked the car. After that they shot him at least 14 times inflicting 6 wounds of which he died on the scene. Having made sure that the businessman was dead the killers fled the scene. Ishchenko and Antishin were the ones who fired a hand-made 9-caliber submachine gun. They have the fourth accomplice Sergey Filippov who drove the car. He escaped from investigators and is wanted.

The investigation was especially complicated due to a number of factors and by a large amount of investigative and search operations, a lot of interrogations and examinations. The investigations checked alibi of each of the accused. The accused pled not guilty and the fourth accomplice is still wanted. There were 23 volumes of criminal records.

In accordance with the verdict the court has sentenced Pronin to 16 years in prison, Antishin and Ishchenko – 14 years 1 month and 15 years 3 months in prison respectively.

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