
In Volgograd sentence announced for mediator and executor of big businessman murder

The court recognized the evidence collected by Volgograd Region investigative bodies of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation sufficient to convict Aliyetdin Makhmudov, Abugali Temerkhanov, and Hasa Batalov. They have been found guilty of murdering a well-known-in-Volgograd entrepreneur and causing grievous bodily harm to the director of the Central Market. Depending on the role of each of the defendants, their actions have been determined as crimes under parts 3,4,5 of article 33, paragraph "h" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Criminal Code (organizing, aiding and abetting a murder for hire), part 1 of article 222 of the RF Criminal Code (trafficking in weapons), part 1 of article 118 of the RF Criminal Code (causing grievous bodily harm by negligence).

According to investigators and the court, on May 21, 2014, at about 9:00 pm, Batalov, the perpetrator of the murder of a businessman, arrived by a VAZ car at the cafe located on the upper terrace of the Central embankment in Volgograd and fired an aimed shot at the merchant, who at that time was standing not far from him with his friend, the director of the market. As a result, both men were wounded and hospitalized. The businessman died of wounds in hospital an hour and a half later.

The hirers, Mahmudov and Gebert, through Temerkhanov, the mediator, promised the killer to pay 1 million rubles. The motive for the massacre was the repartition of spheres of influence among businessmen.

The court has sentenced Mahmudov to 17.5 years in prison. Batalov Temerkhanov have been sentenced to 17 and 16 years. All the convicts will serve their sentences in a maximum security penal colony.

The criminal case against the killer's driver, who had admitted his guilt immediately after arrest and had concluded a pre-trial cooperation agreement, had been separated from the main case. In February this year, the court sentenced him to 12 years in a maximum security colony.

One of the hirers, Gebert, is currently on the federal wanted list.

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