

Rostov Region files case over shooting at two Russians from Ukraine



The Rostov-on-Don-based seventh department of the Russia's Investigative Committee has initiated an investigation in a crime under part 3 of article 30, paragraph "a" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (attempted murder) following the shooting of two Russians from the area of Ukraine.

According to investigators, on 26 July 2015, two Russians were near the village of Novorusskoye, Millerovo District, Rostov Region and decided to take a photo with Krasnaya Tavorlka checkpoint of Ukraine in the background. The young people went to the checkpoint bar and spent 5 minutes in border territory. At that moment, from the checkpoint, a man in camouflage uniform and holding a gun walked to them, stopped about 30 meters away and shouted: "Stop!". The young men got frightened and ran away while the camouflaged man shot at them at least four times. One of the victims got wounded in the chest, but survived thanks to well-timed medical aid. His friend got away unharmed.

According to the information investigators have, Krasnaya Tavorlka checkpoint is controlled by the

Ukrainian Armed Forces.

In accordance with part 3 of article 12 of the Russian Penal Code, foreign citizens, who have committed a crime outside the Russian Federation are prosecuted under the Russian Penal Code in cases if the crime was committed against interests of the Russian Federation or a citizen of the Russian Federation, if they were not prosecuted in the foreign state.

At present the Ukrainian side is denying that any fact of shooting took place at all, apparently, fearing consequences and reaction of international public to that, because shooting Russian civilians in Russia in front of witnesses is way over the line. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian authorities are behaving like mischievous children – first they do something in front of everybody, but then, fearing to be punished, say over and over again that it was not them. But that is no children game. I can assure you that the Investigative Committee will find out who shot and why. We are used to working with facts, and the facts say that there was shooting, moreover, there is a victim whose life Russian doctors had to save. At the moment we are carrying out the whole set of investigative operations to prove the consequences of the crime and identify the military who shot at the unarmed Russian man. It will also be found if the Ukrainian border guard did that on his own accord or followed an order from his superiors. One thing is obvious - there was shooting and it will most probably be another crime in the list of such committed by Ukrainian military, for which not both current Ukrainian authorities and particular individuals will be brought to justice.

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