
Soldier gets 10 years for deserting with firearms in Armenia



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Southern military district sufficient to convict Private Valery Permyakov, a conscript of military unit – army post office 04436 located in Armenia. He was found guilty of crimes under part 2 of article 338 of the RF Penal Code (deserting carrying firearms), part 1 of article 222 (illegal carrying of firearms and ammunition) and paragraph “c” of part 3 of article 226 (stealing of firearms and ammunition by a person using their official position).

The court and investigators have revealed that on 12 January 2015, Permyakov was on a watch and deserted carrying an AKS-74 gun with 60 cartridges and a knife in order to avoid military service. It is known that seeking for some civilian clothes and money he broke into a house and used his gun and knife to kill 7 Armenians, including a small child in the town of Gyumri.

Permyakov changed clothes, left there his gun, knife and ammunition and fled the scene. He headed for the Armenian-Turkish border, but was held there by the military of a frontier post of the Frontier Office of the Federal Security Service of Russia in Armenia.

The 5th garrison tribunal based in Armenia has sentenced Permyakov to 10 years to be served in a

maximum-security penal colony.

The case opened against Permyakov for killing 7 citizens of Armenia has been forwarded to the proper authorities of Armenia which will make proper decision, in accordance with the Agreement concluded between the Russian Federation and Armenia on jurisdiction and mutual legal aid in cases related to the Russian military base located in Armenia of 29.08.1997.

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