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## **Accomplice of 2004 killing Vice-Chairman of Karachay-Cherkessia Government jailed**



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the North Caucasian Federal District Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee to convict Artur Tambiyev. He was found guilty of crimes under part 3 of article 209 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a stable armed group (gang) and its crimes), paragraphs "f", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (banditry-related murder, committed by an organized group by a generally dangerous way on hire) and part 3 of article 222 (illegal circulation of firearms).

The court and investigators have revealed that, in 2003-2004, Islam Salpagarov, who was serving as First Deputy Head of Ust-Dzheguta District Interior Department of the Karachay-Cherkessia – Chief of criminal militia, set up a gang, which included Marat Bostanov, who had connections in criminal world, and Artur Tambiyev. In 2004, Salpagarov motivated by personal dislike he felt towards Vice-Chairman of Karachay-Cherkessia Government Ansar Tebuyev organized his murdered. As his accomplices Salpagarov employed Bostanov, Tambiyev and two others, who were not members of the gang. In early October 2004, led by Salpagarov, the accomplices carefully

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prepared for the murder, bought firearms, a car, found Tebuyev's house and figured the route he took to move around. On 18 October 2004, in the city of Cherkessk, when Tebuyev's car stopped on the red light, one of the accomplices on VAZ 21150 blocked the official's car. After that one of the killers fired at least 22 times through the back window of the car at Tebuyev sitting on the front passenger seat. Tebuyev died at the scene. After the murder, the perpetrators fled the scene and burnt the car and the firearms.

The murder was not solved for a long time, but in June 2013, the investigators managed to establish that Tambiyev had been involved in the crime. The organizer of the murder Salpagarov and Bostanov were killed Criminal proceedings against them were stopped because of their death.

The court sentenced Tambiyev to 17 years to be served in a maximum-security penal colony.

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