**Press Release**

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**on 12th court hearing of Avetisyans family murder case**

On April 1, 2016, the General Jurisdiction Court of Shirak Marz (Region) held the 12th outgoing hearing on Avetisyans family murder case on the territory of the Russian military base № 102.

This court hearing marked the end of the stage of evidence examination. At this stage, the results of the forensic psycho-physiological expert examination carried out by the Russian side were also disclosed.

The experts attempted to conduct a lie-detection test to find out how the murders were committed and to verify the “credibility” of Permyakov’s testimony.

Hence, the lie-detection test revealed counter-agents confirming that V. Permyakov had committed the murders alone, and that before entering the house he had fastened the bayonet to the rifle and killed junior Seryozha Avetisyan with it. While Permyakov mentioned that he had also murdered junior Hasmik Avetisyan with the bayonet, the forensic examination showed that the child died from a gunshot wound.

No counter-agents were registered to confirm availability of any information on any other violent actions taken by V. P. Permyakov against the children.

The counter-agents during the lie-detection test showed that V. Permyakov’s motive for murdering Aida Avetisyan was the sense of hatred against her and insult; the girl suddenly shouted.

V. Permyakov attempted to conceal in which position he had murdered Araksya Poghosyan; his testimonies that Araksya Poghosyan woke up, sat down and tried to use the phone were not confirmed by the test. Instead, the test showed counter-agents according to which V. Permyakov possessed information that A. Poghosyan had been lying and hidden under her blanket. V. Permyakov possesses no information on any other violent actions against her.

According to the test results, V. Permyakov partially concealed information on his position when murdering Armen Avetisyan, senior Hasmik Avetisyan and senior Seryozha Avetisyan.

Also, the test did not confirm possession by V. Permyakov of any information that he had voluntarily deserted the military unit before.

At the next hearing, the Court will pass to disclosure of material evidence.

The next outgoing hearing of the General Jurisdiction Court of Shirak Marz (Region) on Avetisyans family murder case is scheduled for April 8, 2016, at 12 pm.