

Tatarstan Court Reduces Sentences for Ex-Cops Convicted of Torture

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Tatarstan's Supreme Court on Wednesday reduced the sentences handed down in 2014 to several former police officers found guilty of torturing suspects in Kazan.

The biggest reduction was granted to the former deputy head of the Dalny police precinct, Fails Sabirzyanov, whose term was slashed from 12 years to 10, RIA Novosti reported Wednesday.

Another former police officer convicted in the high-profile case, Alexander Fadeyev, had his term reduced by two months, according to RIA Novosti.

The Dalny precinct hit the media spotlight in March 2012, when a 52-year-old suspect died of injuries sustained during a brutal attack carried out by police officers. Investigators later determined that the suspect, Sergei Nazarov, had been sodomized with a champagne bottle while in custody.

The incident prompted dozens of other victims to come forward, leading to an almost two-year investigation with 18 criminal cases opened in the precinct. Ten police officers were

convicted as a result.

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