

Only 8 Years of Imprisonment for a Case of Domestic Violence that Resulted in the Victim's Death

Centru Court of Law from Chisinau convicted C.V. to 8 years of imprisonment for acts resulting in the death of his wife – victim of domestic violence.

The incident took place in January 2014. In the wake of a conflict with his wife, C.V., being under the influence of alcohol, hit his wife many times with an axe. As a result, the victim was hospitalized with severe bodily injuries. In September 2014, after several months of coma, the woman passed away.

As testified by witnesses and revealed by evidence, the victim was repeatedly subjected to acts of domestic violence. The neighbours called the police many times for them to intervene and stop the abuses. Prior to this incident, C.V. was recorded as a perpetrator of domestic violence. In spite of this, the authorities failed to take appropriate measures and protect the victim.

Thus, the sentence pronounced by the Centru Court of Law found C.V. guilty of committing the crime envisioned in Article [201¹ \(3\) \(a\) and \(c\) Domestic Violence](#), causing severe bodily or health injury and, respectively, the victim's death. C.V. was sentenced to 8 years of imprisonment.

Promo-LEX lawyer, Dumitru Sliusarenco mentioned that the sentence will be challenged in a higher court. "Appropriate punishment of domestic violence acts, particularly the ones as severe as the case of C.V., must be one of the basic methods

of combating domestic violence. Therefore, 8 years of imprisonment cannot be regarded as a fair punishment for such a cruel crime resulting in the victim's death", added the Promo-LEX lawyer.

According to Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova, the maximum sanction for such crimes is 15 years of imprisonment.

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