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Ex-Cop Jailed in Killings

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A former North Ossetian police officer was sentenced Monday to 18 years in a maximum-security prison for killing numerous local officials, including Vladikavkaz Mayor Vitaly Karayev, who was shot dead in 2008, Itar-Tass reported.

The North Ossetian Supreme Court ruled that Rafael Kallagov — or Kalagov, according to some reports — was a member of a criminal gang headed by Oleg Gagiyev, who was detained in April 2009.

Kallagov entered a plea bargain during the investigation. Two other suspected members of the same gang currently await trial.

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