

# 20-Year Sentence for 8 Deaths

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North Ossetia's Supreme Court has sentenced a man to 20 years in prison on charges of killing Vladikavkaz Mayor Vitaly Karayev and seven others in 2008 and 2009, Interfax reported Thursday.

The court ruled that Alexander Dzhussoyev killed the eight as a member of a criminal gang that investigators said was well-connected to local law enforcement officials.

Dzhussoyev had faced up to 80 years in prison but got 20 under a plea bargain.

Karayev was killed in 2008 after less than a year in office.

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