

# Tymoshenko Tied to Murder

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KIEV — A top Ukrainian prosecutor charged Wednesday that a firm controlled by jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko paid for the contract-style killing of a lawmaker and two others in 1996.

Deputy Prosecutor General Renat Kuzmin charged that companies controlled by Tymoshenko and former Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko transferred money to pay the killers of Yevhen Shcherban. Lazarenko is serving a nine-year sentence in the United States.

"It has been established that the killer received money from Tymoshenko and Lazarenko's firms," Kuzmin said.

Tymoshenko's lawyer denied Kuzmin's claim.

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