

Prosecutor reads out the reports of artillery-spotting unit soldiers “Keri,” “Khudozhnik,” “Sever,” and unit commander “Bezumny” stating that on May 30, 2014, at about 22:00 the accused was adjusting the enemy mortar shelling from the Karachun mountain with a shot from a signal flare pistol.

Prosecutor: the evidence in the reports proves that the accused is guilty. [REDACTED] does not deny that he was using a flashlight in his yard at that time. He has negative character references. He denies drug usage.

Upon the request of the chairman, the prosecutor reads out the character reference issued by [REDACTED]. According to it, while being a militia member, [REDACTED] expressed dissatisfaction with the conditions of service and army routine. According to unconfirmed reports, he used to be a drug user. He was on sick leave after an eye injury caused by careless handling of a weapon. It has been decided that he will be discharged from the unit. He is quick-tempered and impatient. He didn't have authority in the eyes of fellow soldiers.

Upon the request of the chairman, “Beria” reads out a report saying that the accused has [REDACTED]:

Prosecutor: I reckon that the accused is proven guilty as charged.

No questions from other members of the session.

Chairman: I give the floor over to the defense.

Defender: I reckon that the investigation was not complete. There are omissions in the reports and those who wrote them were not interviewed because of time shortage. The crime scene was not investigated, and neither was the home of the accused. His neighbors were not interviewed, and they may have been harmed by the shelling.

The accused denies the charge vehemently. He says that the shelling could have hit his house as the flare light