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## **Investigation against former chief of Main Economic Security and Counter Corruption Office and his accomplices finished**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigation against former head of the Main Economic Security and Counter Corruption Office of the Russian Ministry of the Interior Denis Sugrobov, senior officials and employees of the said divisions and one civilian. Depending on the role of each one, they are charged with crimes under part 3 of article 210, paragraph "c" of part 3 of article 286, article 303, article 204 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal community, abuse of office, tampering with the evidence and results of investigation, provocation of a bribe). Sugrobov is charged with 21 counts of crimes.

According to investigators, in 2011, Denis Sugrobov set up a criminal community which included his subordinates. Later one of the heads of the said community became Boris Kolesnikov, who was a friend of Sugrobov's, and later appointed deputy chief of the Main Economic Security and Counter Corruption Office.

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Members of the community basically created and then catalogued false operational information about crimes committed by certain people. This way, they forged the results of investigative and search operations, which seemed quite legal at first sight, but in fact were stages of a general criminal intention of the members of the community. The documents were the basis for prosecution.

This way, head of Smolensk administration Konstantin Lazarev, head of Activity Arrangement Department of the Transport Ministry of the Moscow Region Government Sergey Naydyonov, acting head of the Moscow Region Office of the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (Rosreestr) Olga Zhdanova, director of one of the departments of Chamber of Accounts Mikhailik and other people got under bribery and fraud investigations. However, when Investigative Committee and Investigative Department of the Russian Ministry of the Interior looked into the cases, it turned out that the persons involved had committed no crimes. Therefore, most of the investigators were stopped while some of those under investigation were acquitted in a court. The climax of their criminal activity was their provocation against an operative of the Federal Security Service in 2014, after which the officers of the Main Economic Security and Counter Corruption Office were detained.

The investigators revealed that organizing their criminal activity, the members of the community tried to make it look like successful fighting against economic crimes and acts of corruption, make their job rates higher and get promoted, as well as get bonuses. At the same time, investigators believe, that Sugrobov and his accomplices sought illegal benefit in the form of the right on another's property, money and favorable conditions of firms and businessmen they controlled.

In all, there are 30 people who suffered from illegal actions of the officers of the Main Economic Security and Counter Corruption Office.

At present, some of the accomplices are already punished, as the cases against them were severed to form separate lawsuits and tried in the court.

The investigators have enough evidence, so the criminal case with the approved indictment will soon be sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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