
Head of Komi Office of Federal Penitentiary Service detained on corruption suspicion



The Komi Republic investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have opened a criminal investigation against chief of the Komi Republic Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service Lieutenant General of internal service Alexander Protopopov suspected of embezzlement committed by a group of people using official position and on a very large scale (part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code).

The evidence of Protopopov's involvement in the crime were collected during an investigation against former deputy chief of the Komi Republic Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service Valery Ivanov, head of penal settlement No 34 of the Komi Republic Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service Roman Korzhov, charged with the same crime and representative of OOO Estet Ramal Dzhabbarly charged with complicity in embezzlement (part 5 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code). The case was opened based on the records of a check carried out by the prosecutor's office.

According to investigators, in the period between June 2014 and August 2015, the accused violated

the law when they agreed to and let take apart and take away over 7 thousand armored concrete slabs that made over 50 km of motorway near the village of Vozhskoye, Udorsky District which was in federal ownership. The slabs were taken apart and away by workers of OOO Estet who used them both to their own needs and for sale. The work was organized by the representative of the company. Their wrongdoings caused the Russian Federation damage of more than 6 million rubles.

At present, Protopopov has been detained in Moscow with operative support of the officers of the Federal Security Service, searches are underway in his residence and in those of his relatives. Restraint is expected. Ivanov was put in custody pending trial, Korzhov was released on recognizance while Dzhabbarly is under house arrest.

Necessary investigative and procedural operations are underway to find out all the details of the crime, roles of each of the suspect in it and get and consolidate the evidence.

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