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**In Kemerovo Region, former director of Novokuznetsk Municipal Bank charged with abuse of power and grand embezzlement placed in custody**



The Kemerovo Region Directorate of the Investigative Committee has charged former director of OAO AKB Novokuznetsk municipal bank Aleksandr Pavlov with crimes under Part 2 of Article 201 of the RF Penal Code (abuse of power entailing grave consequences), Part 4 of Article 160 of the RF Penal Code (embezzlement on a very large scale).

According to investigators, from December 2012 to December 2013, the accused while being the director of Novokuznetsk municipal bank, acting in the interest of a large construction company, founded by his father, sponsored the company's loan. When the company had stopped meeting its financial obligations, the lenders wrote off the money from bank accounts of Novokuznetsk municipal bank. In total, they wrote off over 3 billion rubles. As a result the depositors could not use

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their money on bank accounts and reported it to the investigation authorities.

The accused tried to impede the investigation in all possible ways, including complaints about his health. Therefore, Pavlov had to undergo a forensic medical test, which showed that he was able to take part in the investigation. Following the investigators' request he has been placed in custody. The investigation has also revealed that the accused together with the head of the VIP department transferred money to the accounts of affiliated companies without depositors knowing. The accomplices stole from their clients' accounts over 1 billion rubles. The woman has concluded a cooperation deal with the investigators and the case against her has been severed to form a separate proceeding. A forensic accounting inquiry has confirmed the movement of the money from the accounts of Novokuznetsk municipal bank. 9 handwriting tests have been run to identify people who signed financial documents.

At present the investigators have arrested the property of the accused, including the City Mall shopping center worth about 5 billion rubles according to experts. Necessary investigative operations are underway to find out all the details of the crime.

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