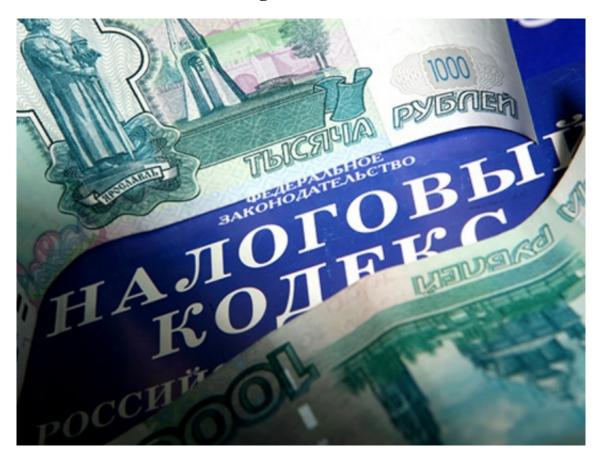
Investigators take measures to make one of largest taxpayers return over 8 billion rubles to budget



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee continues investigation into a crime under Part 2, item "b" of Article 199 of the RF Penal Code (tax evasion on a very large scale).

It became known earlier that the CEO of one of gas production companies put knowingly false information in tax reports in 2014 and ensured that they were filed with a tax inspectorate. Due to the crime, an evasion of paying taxes on minerals, the Russian budget did not get over 8 billion rubles.

By joint efforts officials of the Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee, interregional largest taxpayers inspection No 2 of the Federal Tax Service and the Economic Security and Anti-Corruption of the Russian Interior Ministry revealed this crime committed by the gas production enterprise which is one of the largest taxpayers in Russia and this helped to reveal the whole scheme.

A lot of investigative operations to find out all the details of the crime were carried out during the preliminary probe. The investigators took measures to arrest the company's assets in order to ensure that the damage was reimbursed. The sum of the evidence allowed establishing not only the involvement of the CEO in the crime, but the fact that similar violations of tax laws had been committed since fourth quarter of 2012.

Thanks to the work done by the investigator, despite the complexity of the investigation caused by the necessity to carefully analyze the evidence and figure out all the links of the criminal chain, the damage done by the crime has been fully recovered.

The aim of criminal prosecution for tax scams is no less than restoration of justice and repair of the damage done to the budget. Thanks to systematized and meticulous work of the investigators, it was possible to increase the amount of money paid to the state. Last year the investigators looked into over 4.5 thousand criminal cases over tax crimes. The damage of almost 15 billion rubles was repaired in 2015 during pre-investigative checks and investigations into such crimes. I should remind that revealing the fact of tax evasion is only a matter of time, while negative consequences for those who do not want to follow the law, in the form of a conviction or multiple increase of the sum payable to the state are unavoidable.

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