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## **Head of Vladivostok Igor Pushkaryov and his accomplice held on suspicion of abuse of office and commercial bribery**



The major office of the Investigative Committee continues the investigation against Head of the city of Vladivostok Igor Pushkaryov and CEO of Dorogi Vladivostoka, a municipal unitary enterprise, Andrei Lushnikov. Depending on the role of each one they are suspected of crimes under Part 3 of Article 285, Part 2, item “a” of Article 204 and Part 3 of Article 204 of the RF Penal Code (abuse of authority, commercial bribery).

The suspects have been detained and soon investigators are going to request court to put them under restraint. Active investigative operations are ongoing to find out all the details of the crime.

According to the investigators, in 2009-2014, Pushkaryov acted despite the interests of his service and out of mercenary and other personal motives and abused his power when organized that Dorogi Vladivostoka bought a large amount of construction materials from group of companies

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Vostoktsement. It should be mentioned that Vostoktsement is headed and controlled by Pushkaryov's relatives while the Vladivostok administration is the founder and owner of the assets of Dorogi Vladivostoka. The construction materials were bought at an overstated price for which Pushkaryov got at least 45 million rubles.

The said actions led to grievous consequences as Dorogi Vladivostoka suffered damage of over 158 million rubles and had a loan of over 800 million rubles.

In addition, in 2012-2014, Pushkaryov gave Lushnikov at least 1.4 million rubles as a commercial bribery. For that Lushnikov acted despite legal interests and authorized objectives of the company he headed, but in the interests of Pusharyov and group of companies Vostoktsement and insured that construction materials for repairing and maintaining motorways in Vladivostok under municipal contracts were bought from companies that were part of the said group.

There is one small detail that characterizes his permissiveness, impunity and scope – a recreational center with a helipad was built in the water protection area of Lake Khanka for him to have vacation there.

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