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## **Kirov Region governor Nikita Belykh charged with grand bribery and placed in custody**



The Major cases Department of the Investigative Committee has pressed charges of bribery on a very large scale (Part 6 of Article 209 of the RF Penal Code) against governor of Kirov Region Nikita Belykh.

According to investigators, Nikita Belykh took a total of 400,000 euros (24.1 million rubles) of bribes both in person and via middlemen for doing favors to the briber and AO Novya Vyatka Ski Factory and OOO Forestry Management Company controlled by him, as well as for general patronage and connivance when the Kirov Region Government supervised the implementation of investment projects and business in Kirov Region.

At the moment investigative operations are continued. The Kirov Region administration has been searched. In addition a court has placed Belykh in custody for 2 months pending trial.

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