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## **In Komi, ex-deputy of urban district charged with series of corruption crimes to stand trial**

The Komi Republic Office of the Investigative Committee has finished the investigation against ex-deputy of Inta urban district Aleksandr Makarov. He is charged with embezzlement committed using his official position and on a very large scale (Part 4 of Article 160 of the RF Penal Code), money-laundering using his official position (Part 4, item “b” of Article 174.1), evasion of paying bill payable (Article 177) and abuse of office (Part 1 of Article 201).

According to investigators, Makarov while being president of Inta Development Charity Foundation, in 2012-2014, concluded some contracts with local businessmen on behalf of the said foundation. The work under the contracts was not done, but was paid for, so the businessmen gave back to Makarov most part of the money. As a result, the foundation in charge of supporting social projects important for the town suffered damage of over 4 million rubles.

Under similar phony contracts the ex-deputy, who also held top positions in a number of building management companies and condominiums in Inta, withdrew money from those companies that was paid by residents for rent. As a result, the local budget that did not get that money suffered damage of 1.4 million rubles, while servicing, building management and supply companies suffered damage of over 11 million rubles.

In addition, Makarov as chairman of the board of Granat condominium evaded paying debt to T Plus public company (legal successor to TGK-9 public corporation) payable under the decision of the Komi Republic Commercial Court. According to investigators the condominium had 52 million rubles to pay the debt. But instead of executing the court decision, Makarov spent the money to pay other contractors.

The criminal case has 38 files now. A lot of accounting documents have been confiscated and examined, about 80 people have been questioned, accounting and handwriting forensic inquiries have been run and the car and the flat of the accused have been arrested to compensate for the damage caused.

Makarov During the probe Makarov made a cooperation deal and gave detailed testimony. He admitted his guilt and by now the case with the approved indictment has been referred to court.

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