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## **In Omsk Region, ex-director of NPO Mostovik jailed for tax evasion and grand fraud**



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Omsk Region Office of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former CEO of OOO NPO Mostovik, a science and production enterprise, a limited liability company Oleg Shishov found guilty of crimes under Part 2, item “b” of Article 199 (tax evasion on a very large scale) and Part 3 of Article 159.4 of the RF Penal Code (fraud on a very large scale).

The court and investigators have revealed that in 2009-2011, Shishov put into financial documents of Mostovik and tax declarations false information that a number of counteragents, including nominal ones, had fulfilled construction work at the facilities located in the cities of Vladivostok (a bridge on Russky Island for the APEC summit, Maritime Aquarium), Omsk, Tyumen, Tovolsk and Sochi, as well as in Astrakhan, Moscow Regions and Transbaikalian Territory. He put those sums in as tax deductible. In fact, investigators revealed that those companies had not done any work for Mostovik,

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while all of the work had been done by workers of Mostovik or some other organizations. This way, Shishov evaded paying over 478 million rubles in VAT.

Additionally, Shishov committed a fraud by stealing 526 million rubles allocated for the construction of a ring road in Omsk (the section between Fyodorovka and Aleksandrovka). In fact, Shishov had not started the construction, had not bought construction materials for it, had not executed the contract, but spent all the money to pay off debts of Mostovik company.

The criminal investigation was opened based on the files provided by the Omsk Region offices of the Federal Security Service, Ministry of the Interior and Federal Tax Service. The investigators ran forensic economic, accounting, handwriting, construction and technical inquiries and the conclusions show that Shishov was involved in the crimes he was accused of. There are 221 files of criminal records. With all the evidence gathered against him, Shishov admitted his guilt and requested that his case be tried under a special procedure.

In March 2016, Shishov was found guilty of embezzlement of money allocated on the construction of the Maritime Aquarium and got 3 years in a minimum-security correctional facility and a fine of 300,000 rubles.

The two sentences put together, Shishov has been sentenced to 4 years in a minimum-security correctional facility.

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