
Three employees of Moscow Region tax service and their accomplice detained in attempted grand fraud probe



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee is investigating a case over a crime under Part 3 of Article 30, Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Penal Code (attempted fraud on a very large scale).

Deputy Head of the legal office of Moscow Region inter-district tax inspection No 21 Artyom Yelinevsky, Chief State Tax Inspector of Moscow Region inter-district tax inspection No 21 Vitaly Popov, employee of the registration office of Moscow Region inter-district tax inspection No 21 Kirill Kryuk and their accomplice Dmitry Kretov.

According to investigators, in September 2016, the officials of the tax service and an acquaintance of theirs conspired to steal money from a businessman from Moscow Region. Under their plan, they wanted to get 30 million rubles from the businessman for changing an on-site tax audit report and

reducing arrears from 243 million rubles to 10 million rubles, when in fact they did not have any power to do that. The perpetrators were detained while taking part of the money in Moscow.

The crime was revealed and the suspects detained thanks to joint efforts of investigators of the Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee, officers of Directorate K the Federal Security Service's Economic Security Office and the internal security department of the Federal Tax Service.

At present investigative and search operations are underway to identify all accomplices in the crime and to break up their criminal activity. The investigation is ongoing.

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