
In Voronezh Region, five local residents to stand trial for selling large quantities of fake alcohol



The Voronezh Region Office of the Investigative Committee has finished the investigation against 5 local residents aged between 25 and 46 charged with crimes under Part 2, item “a” of Article 238 (production, storage, transportation and selling of goods that do not meet safety standards), Part 3 of Article 180 (illegal use of other’s trademark committed more than once) and Part 4 of Article 327.1 of the RF Penal Code (use of knowingly forged documentary stamps and federal special stamps to label alcohol products).

Investigators have established that the organized group produced, stored and sold fake alcohol disguised as alcohol of famous brands in residential buildings and rented storehouses located in the town of Buturlinovka, Voronezh Region from 2013 to 14 October 2015.

The profit they got from their crimes was the only income the members of the group had as nobody

of them had not legal job. They were aware that the alcohol they sold was produced with certain breaches and was dangerous for people, they foresaw that people who drank it might get poisoned, but they still did not care.

During searches the investigators and police operatives found and confiscated 85 tons of fake alcohol labeled Hennessy, Jack Daniel's, Dewar's, Chivas Regal, Olmeca Gold, Bacardi Gold, Talka and other famous labels ready to be sold, as well as tools and materials necessary to produce fake alcohol.

According to the conclusions of experts the samples of alcohol pose threat to life and health of people if being taken.

The actions of the perpetrators also did pecuniary damage of more than 56 million rubles to the companies who own the trademarks.

The investigators have done a lot of investigative and procedural actions that allowed them to prove that the accused were involved in the crimes. The case has 28 files of criminal materials. The investigators have questioned more than 30 witnesses, carried out more than 20 searches in residences and storehouses of the accused, assigned and run some 30 forensic examinations. The assets of the accused worth more than a million rubles have been put under arrest in order to compensate for the damage done. Other investigative and procedural operations have been conducted.

The investigators have enough evidence so the criminal case with the signed indictment has been referred to court.

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