

In Omsk, inspector of Siberian Rostekhnadzor jailed for negligence entailing death of four



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Omsk Region Office of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict state inspector of the interregional department for surveying state construction, self-regulated organizations and hoisting mechanisms of the Siberian Office of Rostekhnadzor (the federal environmental, technological and nuclear safety inspectorate) Konstantin Ivanov. He was found guilty of a crime under Part 3 of Article 293 of the RF Penal Code (negligence).

The court and investigators have revealed that in 2015, Uvanov was negligent while supervising industrial safety at the construction company ООО ИПК Жилстрой. Despite the fact that the said company had not run industrial safety examination of a dangerous item – a tower crane, he did not stop the operation of the crane, did not take measures to hold an unplanned check and to file an administrative report on the company for industrial safety violation and to shut it down.

The investigators believe, and the court agrees with them, that omission of the accused was the reason why the workers of the company started operation of the crane on 26 October 2015 and why

it collapsed the same day on the road of Marshal Zhukov Street in the city of Omsk. The crane fell on a Toyota RAV4 and a GAZel-Sobol killing a 30-year-old man, his 33-year-old wife and their 4-month-old son who were inside the RAV4 and a 53-year-old driver of the GAZel. The second 4-year-old son of the killed parents and the 36-year-old operator of the crane were badly injured. The reasons for the collapse were technical faults of the crane and gross violations of its operation. Such terrible consequences might have been avoided if Ivanov had done his job properly.

The court has sentenced Ivanov to 2 years in a penal settlement and banned him from assuming any positions in state institutions for 3 years. The court also ruled that Rostekhnadzor has to pay 700,000 rubles of damages to each of the injured parties.

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