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## High ranking officials and employees of Kemerovo Region law-enforcement authorities charged with extortion



The fifth department of the Investigative Committee's Head Office (based in the city of Novosibirsk) continues criminal proceedings against head of the Kemerovo Region Investigative Authority Sergei Kalinkin, deputy head of the Second Major Cases Department of the same authority Sergei Kyukov, senior investigator of the said department Aremiy Shevelyov, vice-governors of Kemerovo Region Alexey Ivanov and Alexander Danilchenko, head of administrative bodies department of the Kemerovo Region Administration Yelena Trotiskaya, founder of OOO PTK Ugol (Coal) Alexander Shchukin, his proxy Gennady Vernigor and other unidentified people. All the identified and detained have been charged with extortion under Part 3, item "b" of Article 163 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, the accused conspired to extort from Anton Tsygankov his 51% shares of AO Inskoi Open-Pit Mine, the market price of which is at least 1 billion rubles.

The residences, offices and cars of the accused have been searched. A court has ruled to take Kalinikin and Vernigor in custody, while Danilchenko, Troitskaya, Shevelyov, Kryukov, Shchukin and Ivanov will be under house arrest pending trial.

At present the investigators keep on examining the objects and documents they seized during

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searches and questioning witnesses. Necessary forensic inquiries will be assigned. Additionally, actions of Kalinkin, Kryukov, Shevelyov, Ivanov, Danilchenko and Troitskaya are being checked on containing excess of power (Article 286 of the RF Penal Code).

The investigation is going to give all-round and impartial legal assessment to all circumstances surrounding the crime and to the actions of the officials whatever ranks and positions they have.

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