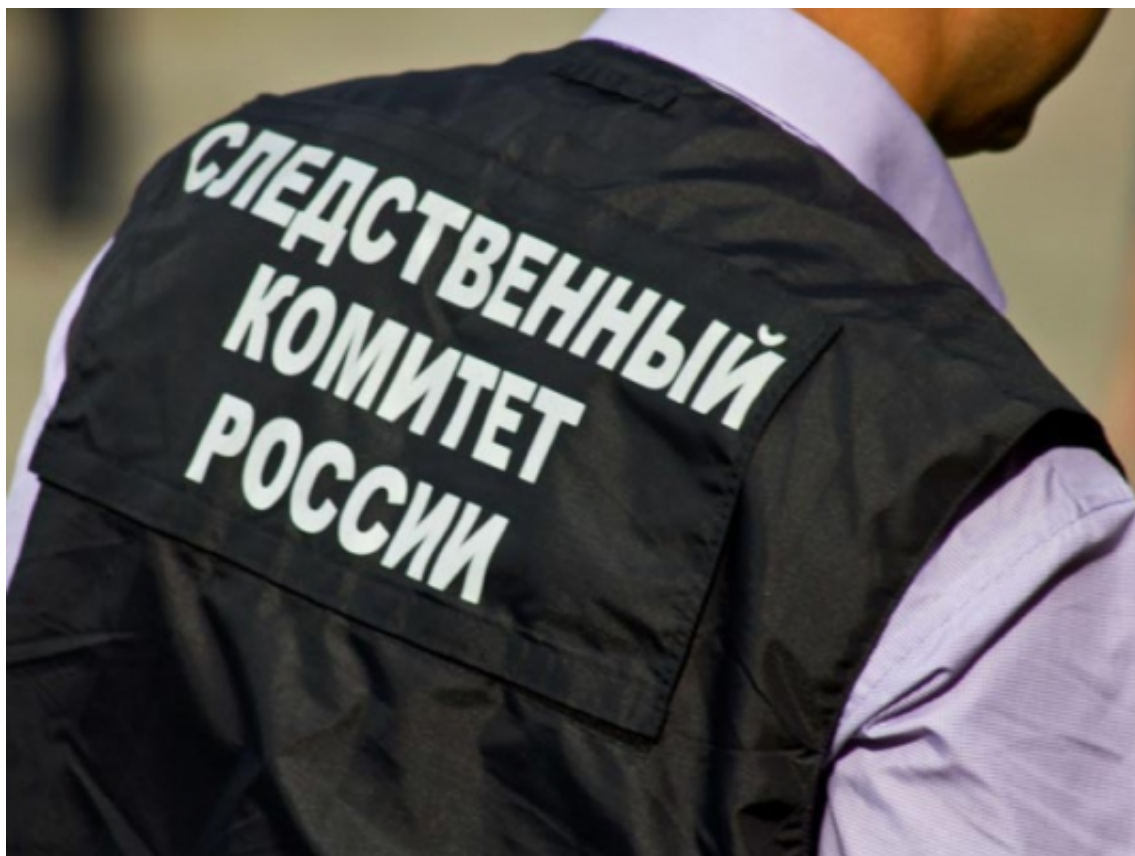

Criminal proceedings initiated against top managers of OOO NTFarma and mayor of pereslavl-Zalessky



The Head Office of the Investigative Committee has initiated today criminal proceedings against founder and CEO of OOO NTfarma Rustam Ataulakhanov and Yevgeny Sultanov and against mayor of the town of Pereslavl-Zalessky Denis Koshurnikov. The former two are suspected of embezzlement on a very large scale under part 4 of Article 160 of the RF Penal Code, Koshurnikov of excess of power committed by the head of the local government entailing grievous consequences under Part 3, item “c” of Article 286 of the RF Penal Code.

AO ROSNANO has invested in OOO NTfarma more than 1 billion rubles since 2010, to construct a pharmaceutical factory to manufacture vaccines and therapeutic biological in Pereslavl District, Yaroslavl Region. The heads of the company committed to construct and commission the factory by September 2012, however they moved the date a lot of times.

The investigators in cooperation with the Economic Security and Corruption Directorate of the RF Interior Ministry and the Economic Security Division of the Federal Security Service have established that the work to construct the said factory had not been done for many years, while the money received by NTfarma from ROSNANO had been embezzled.

To make it look like the project had been implemented, Ataulakhanov and Sultanov bought in 2011 a plot of land from Koshurnikov's OOO Protect while he served as the head of Pereslavl District at the moment of the deal.

The plot was located in Lake Pleshcheyevo National Park which made it impossible to get a construction permit without a written authorization from the RF Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology. However, Kashurnikov granted such a permit.

The residences and offices of the suspects are being searched at the moment. The investigators are looking into all the circumstances surrounding the crime and identifying other accomplices.

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