
In Volgograd Region, former head of Sokol town administration to stand trial for abuse of office



The Volgograd Region Office of the Investigative Committee has finished criminal proceedings against former head of the Sokol town administration Nikolai Dubrov charged with abuse of office under Part 1 of Article 285 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators 170 people were to be resettled from dangerous housing based on the order signed by the head of the Sokol administration. To do that a municipal contract was concluded to construct blocks of flats on Karl Marks Street in Sokol. 90.7 million rubles was allocated from the federal and regional budgets to finance the program, The accused as the representative of the client, did not organize proper control over the construction, did not use the powers he got to do that and delegated all the supervising duties to chief specialist of the administration appointing him responsible for accepting the completed work.

From 2011 to 2012, aware that the contractor and subcontractor were not executing the municipal contract in a proper way, that they were violating the construction code and deviated from construction documents, but seeking to make it look like the program was being implemented

properly and there was due control over the construction and to conceal the real state of things, the head of the town administration signed acceptance certificates and bills that contained false information on the kind of work done, its amount and cost. Based on those documents both the contractor and subcontractor got paid in full.

In addition, the accused set up a commission composed of his subordinates, headed it and arranged for acceptance certificates for houses No 33 and 35 on Karl Marks Street were signed. After the new tenants had gotten settled in the houses, they discovered multiple defects that made the buildings impossible to live in. To get rid of those defects, the town budget allocated about 92 million rubles.

It should be noted that the reason to carry out a check into the situation, which ended up in a criminal investigation, had been the report filed by the tenants of the said houses at an appointment with the head of the regional investigative authority who then took the investigation under his personal control.

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

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