
Probe finished against 5 people charged with embezzlement of over 400 million rubles allocated to build Vostochny space launching site



The Head Office of the Investigative Committee has finished the investigation against former head of the Federal Construction Pricing Center, a federal autonomous institution, Yevgeny Yermolayev and 4 of his accomplices where were heads of the Road and Airfield Construction Directorate under Spetsstroy of Russia Vyacheslav Fatkullin and Dalspetsstroy, the Special Construction Directorate under Spetsstroy of Russia Andrei Sakharov, former CEO of OOO Central Research Institute of Pricing Methods, a limited liability company, Olga Zugayeva and CEO of OOO Gosnormativ, a limited liability company, Sergei Polivanov. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under Parts 3 and 5 of Article 33, Part 4 of Article 160 of the RF Penal Code (embezzlement, organization and complicity in embezzlement on a very large scale).

According to investigators, from June to November 2012, Yermolayev aware of the necessity to develop individual indexes of changing the construction budget for Vostochny space launching site

and that the development of the said indexes had been charged to the Federal Construction Pricing Center, decided to steal money from the Road and Airfield Construction Directorate under Spetsstroy of Russia disguising it as the execution of a contract and its payment to a commercial organization he had control over. To do that Yermolayev employed Fatkullin, Zugayeva and unidentified people. Each of the accomplices acted in accordance with an elaborate plan and played the role they were given in a criminal scheme. As a result, 124.9 million rubles was stolen disguised as the execution of the contract concluded between the Road and Airfield Construction Directorate under Spetsstroy of Russia and OOO Central Research Institute of Pricing Methods controlled by Yermolayev on development of budget norms. A conclusion of the Federal Construction Pricing Center was presented as the result of the executed contract. Yermolayev ran a similar scam from September to November 2013 involving Zakharov, Polivanov, Zugayeva and unidentified people. As a result of their actions Dalspetsstroy, the Special Construction Directorate under Spetsstroy of Russia suffered a damage of more than 280 million rubles.

During the probe the investigators took steps to find and arrest the property of the accused in order to compensate for the damage done to state corporations. A court arrested Yermolayev's house and plot of land worth more than 90 million rubles.

To identify and expose the individuals involved in cashing the stolen money the investigators checked the activities of more than 80 commercial organizations registered in different constituent territories of Russia. A lot of financial and other documents relevant for knowing the whole scheme were confiscated and studied. There are more than 50 volumes in the case.

The investigative Committee carried out a qualified investigation into all circumstances, collected and documented the evidence in due order and the accused and their lawyers are going to get familiar with them.

The investigators continue identifying other accomplices of the stealing.

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