
Former employee of Altai Territory Education and Youth Policy Directorate and her boyfriend to stand trial for fraud with purchasing equipment for preschool facilities in region

The Altai Territory Office of the Investigative Committee has finished criminal proceedings against former head of the preschool education office of the Altai Territory Education and Youth Policy Directorate and her boyfriend, CEO of OOO VIENTO, a limited liability company. They are charged with a fraud committed by a group of people in conspiracy using their official positions and on a very large scale under Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, the accused was responsible for controlling the implementation of programs dealing with preschool education and for consulting employees of educational institution on all matters of purchasing goods. No later than in April 2012, the official conspired with a sole proprietor (later the CEO) who sold children's goods to preschool educational institutions with whom she had relationships. In the period between April 2012 and May 2015, the woman used her position and trust of education workers fraudulently persuaded directors of preschool educational institutions of the region to conclude goods contracts with her boyfriend. She gave false information that among all sellers of necessary equipment only he was the most acceptable supplier with advantageous prices which agreed completely with market cost of the goods. As a result, more than 180 educational institutions, including the Directorate and its municipal offices, transferred almost 35 million rubles to bank accounts of the sole proprietor and his company. 14 million 800 thousand rubles of those 35 million was received by deceit and abuse of trust by obvious overestimation of market cost of the goods supplied. Both of the accused stole the money and spent it to their own ends causing substantial pecuniary damage to the budgets of Altai Territory and the Russian Federation.

A court ruled to take both of the accused in custody pending trial.

An investigator of the regional investigative authority with operative support from agents of the Altai Territory Office of the Federal Security Service did considerable and minute work to collect and document the evidence: they questioned some 250 witnesses, carried out a lot of searches including in the residences and offices of the accused and seized from there documents relevant for the probe. The investigators ran over 10 complex forensic examinations, including sound, linguistic, accounting, merchandising and psychological ones. A lot of financial documents were confiscated and examined to confirm criminal activity of the accused.

The investigators have enough evidence, so the criminal case with the signed indictment will soon be

referred to court.

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