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## **Former employees of Moscow Office of Federal Migration Service found guilty of bribery**

A court has recognized the evidence collected by the Moscow Office of the Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former head of the Southeastern Administrative District inspection department of the Federal Migration Service's Moscow Office Andrei Kondratov, inspectors of the same department Alexander Baranov and Konstantin Boronin, as well as Zaur Sultanov, a resident of Moscow. Depending on the role of each one, they were found guilty of crimes under Parts 5 and 6, item "a" of Article 290 (taking bribes by a group of people in conspiracy on a considerable and very large scale) and under Part 1 of Article 291.1 of the RF Penal Code (intermediacy in bribery on a considerable and very large scale).

The court and investigators have established in 2014, Kondratov, Baranov and Boronin with Sultanov as a middleman organized fictitious checks to find violations of laws by businessmen they were already aware of and to force those businessmen to pay for concealing those violations. They also received money from representatives of at least 4 companies on multiple occasions for not making such checks and not holding the violators accountable for illegal use of foreign workforce. From April to May 2014, they got via Sultanov bribes between 30 thousand and 1.8 million rubles. Their actions caused considerable violation of the interests of society and state protected by the law by letting foreign citizens stay in the Russian Federation, as well as considerable violation of migration legislation.

The court has sentenced Kondratov to 6 years in prison and a fine of 38 million rubles, Baranov to 4 years and a fine of 36 million rubles, Boronin to a fine of 4 million rubles, Sultanov to 5 years and a fine of 19 million rubles. All the accused are going to serve in a maximum-security correctional facility. The court has also banned all of them from taking any positions connected with organizational, managerial and administrative functions in state and local authorities for between 2 and 2.5 years.

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