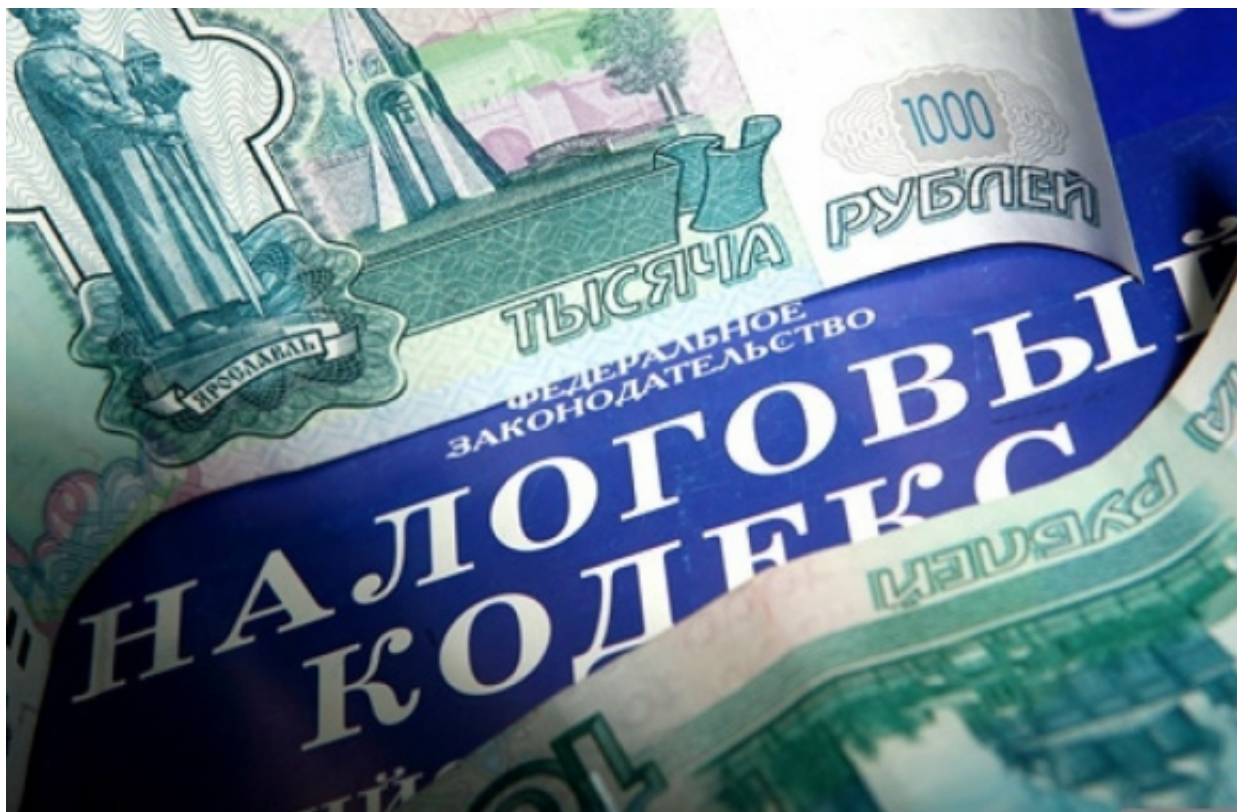


## **Probe launched against managers of Metropolitan Jewelry Factory who evaded paying over 5 billion rubles in tax**



The Moscow Directorate of the Investigative Committee has initiated criminal proceedings against CEO of OOO Metropolitan Jewelry Factory, a limited liability company, suspected of evasion of taxes by a group of people in conspiracy on a very large scale under Part 2, items “a” and “b” of Article 199 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, in 2012-2014, the accused acted together with some unidentified people from the management and staff of OOO Metropolitan Jewelry Factory which is part of Adamas jewelry shop network, conspired and developed a scam to evade paying taxes. Having made a fictitious circulation of documents with more than 50 sham firms, managers of the jewelry company ensured that precious metals were received via a bank without paying VAT and allegedly purchased jewelries from sham firms. As the result, the RF budget system did not get more than 5 billion rubles

The wrongdoings were revealed during joint operations of the Moscow Directorate of the

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Investigative Committee, agents of the Moscow Economic Security and Corruption Department of the Central Administration of the Interior, Federal Security Service, Economic Security Directorate of the Interior Ministry, Federal Tax Service's Moscow Office and Federal Tax Service.

Four offices of the company and residences of the managers and staff of the company have been searched today and the investigators have confiscated documents and equipment relevant for the probe. Necessary investigative and search operations are underway to identify all the people involved in the crime. In addition, the investigators are going to take all legal steps to compensate for the damage done to the budget. The investigation is ongoing.

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