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## **Former member of State Duma Denis Voronenkov federally wanted**



The first office of the Investigative Committee's Directorate (based in the city of Moscow) continues criminal proceedings against former member of the Russia's State Duma Denis Voronenkov.

According to investigators, from August 2010 to June 2011, Vyacheslav Polozkov, Sergei Vorontsov and CEO of OOO TOMA, a limited liability company, Marina Vladimirskaya conspired to steal a building owned by the said company. They involved Sergei Shishakov, Andrei Murzikov, Denis Voronenkov and Oleg Krylov. With the help from Kirill Kuznetsov, Vadim Ferapontov and Ilya Shcherbak they forged documents and filed them with interdistrict tax inspectorate No 46 in Moscow removing the only founder of the company Otari Kobakhidze from members of the company. The accomplices illegally appointed Shcherbak as CEO of OOO TOMA. Voronenkov then found a buyer for the building located in Mezhdunarodnaya street in Moscow. His name was Vitaly Kachur. Aware that the said building was being sold unlawfully, Kachur employed lawyer Vitaly Chaban to finalize the deal. The building of 1,499.4 square meters in area and worth 127

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million rubles was sold to company named Shans and controlled by Kachur for 20 million rubles. In addition, Kachur unofficially paid Voronenkov more than 1.2 million US dollars. The accomplices deprived Kobakhidze his right of ownership for the building and caused him damage on a very large scale.

The investigation has established that it was Voronenkov who funded the crime, gave orders to other accomplices and was in personal control of replacing the company's CEO. He also arranged for the money to have been cashed and distributed it between himself and other accomplices, which was confirmed by the statements given by the accomplices, injured party and witnesses, results of searches and forensic expert examinations.

The investigative authorities have issued a warrant to arrest Voronenkov as the accused of organization of forgery of the single state register of legal entities under part 1 of Article 170.1, Part 3 of Article 33 and fraud under Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Penal Code. Voronenkov has escaped from investigative authorities and is now being wanted.

Earlier the proceedings against Shishakov, Murzikov, Krulov, Vladimirskaya, Shcherbak, Vorontsov, Polozkov, Kachur and Chaban were severed to form a joined lawsuit and were referred to court, which sentenced them to different prison terms.

The investigation is ongoing.

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