
In Karelia, CEO of Zoloto Belogo Morya charged with unsafe services threatening lives of children's camp inmates



The Karelia Office of the Investigative Committee is now finishing criminal proceedings against CEO of OOO Zoloto Belogo Morya, a limited liability company, Denis Orlov charged with providing services that do not meet safety standards under Part 1 of Article 238 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, in June 2016, the accused organized a tourist program The Treasures of the White Sea on Sidorov island in the Kandalaksah Bay in the White Sea, Loukhi District, Karelia. 50 children took part in the program and lived in 4 separate tent camps.

An inspection revealed multiple gross violation of sanitation suggesting that the company provided unsafe services.

The accused had received no sanitation conclusion enabling him to open a summer camp; had failed to notify Rospotrebnadzor (the federal consumer rights protection authority) that groups of children were transported to the camp by railway, car and sea; had violated children's transportation safety rules; had failed to ensure stable mobile communication within the camp; had not equipped special sights for dumping garbage. The children had to wash in baths operated with multiple fire safety breaches which might have caused a fire. Medical aid in the camp was provided by a doctor without a silence, while some of the medicines confiscated from the camp's first aid kit were expired. The camp had no source of fresh water or equipped places for making or storing food (kitchens, pantries, washhouses).

The accused also organized voyages of children wearing lifejackets unfit for use and without lifeguards in the White Sea on makeshift small boats. The children were allowed to swim in unequipped places which put their lives in danger. Three of the children were taken to the Loukhi Central District Hospital from the camp: two with gastrointestinal disorders and one with a respiratory disease. This way, the accused subject the children to a condition dangerous for their lives.

Final charges have been pressed against the man. Investigative operations are underway to finish the probe.

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