
Investigative Committee to request arrest in absentia former governor of Chelyabinsk Region Mikhail Yurevich



The fourth department of the Investigative Committee's Directorate (based in the city of Yekaterinburg) continues criminal proceedings initiated against ex-governor of Chelyabinsk Region (2010-2014) Mikhail Yurevich charged with bribery under Part 6 of Article 290 and solicitation to slander under Part 4 of Article 33, Part 2 of Article 128.1 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, Yurevich regularly got bribes from Chelyabinsk Region Health Minister Vitaly Teslenko which eventually amounted to 26 million rubles. In addition, investigators believe that Yurevich solicited Oleg Grachev appointed on the position of the first vice-governor of Chelyabinsk Region to spread slander about the activity of the Chelyabinsk Region Court chief justice. This slander was broadcast by the Channel One in December 2012 and in November 2013 was refuted by the same channel based on the decision of the Ostankino District Court of Moscow.

Yurevich has ignored legal actions of the investigators and has failed to show up for an interrogation on several occasions. He is presently internationally wanted. Additionally, the investigators are going to ask courts to arrest him in absentia.

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