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## **In St. Petersburg, organizers and members of gang to go on trial for grand stealing budget money disguised as VAT compensation**



The Investigative Committee's Central Office has finished an investigation against eleven people depending on their roles in crimes charged with organizing a criminal community, heading its divisions and membership in it, at least 9 counts of fraud and attempted fraud on a very large scale under Parts 1 and 2 of Article 210, Part 3 of Article 30, part 4 of Article 159 and Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Penal Code.

According to investigators, from 2006 to 2009 Mark Bronovsky who had citizenships in both Russia and the USA set up a criminal community (organization) in the city of Saint Petersburg to steal large sums of money from the Russian budget disguised as VAT compensation to companies and to launder the money. The gang had three divisions two of which were headed by lawyers Alexander Shved and Tatyana Makarova. In different periods of time the gang included Marina Shcherbakova, Marina Sokolova, Dmitry Shuvanov, Konstantin Pavlenko, Igor Chernov, Svyatoslav Remizov and lawyers Liliya Gatiyatova and Dmitry Martynchik.

From 2006 to 2014, the perpetrators stole from the Russian budget more than 429.5 million rubles

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on four occasions and attempted to steal more than 435.3 million rubles on three more accounts.

To compensate for the damage done to the state and to exact a fine, the investigators arrested the assets of the accused, including Bronovsky's real estate – a property complex worth more than 1 billion rubles.

A request has been filed with the St. Petersburg Office of the Federal Tax Service to eliminate contributing factors of the crimes.

The investigators have enough evidence so the criminal case with the signed indictment has been referred to court.

Investigation against other members of the criminal community and into other major crimes committed by them is ongoing.

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