
Charges pressed in embezzlement of DS-Bank's funds



The Head Office of the Investigative Committee is looking into embezzlement of funds of DS-Bank whose license was revoked by the RF Central Bank in May 2016.

According to investigators, in late April 2016, aware about violations in banking and the coming cancellation of license, members of an organized group including top-managers of DS-Bank and people controlling it transferred 585 million rubles, that is all the bank's money, to accounts of 7 sham firms. The transactions were registered as issuing loans, which were fake and irrevocable.

They then transferred the money to accounts of more than 25 different organizations in other banks. A few days before the scam, the accomplices had stopped making payments to the bank's clients under the pretext of technical problems with remote banking system. Later on, they had damaged servers containing the automated banking system, took out clients' and loan files, other documents and office equipment from the bank.

However, despite all the attempts to hid the crime and registering men of straw as participants of the bank, the investigators have pressed charges of embezzlement under Article 160 of the RF Criminal Code against acting chairman of the Bank's board Igor Sinyukhin, president of the Bank Fyodor Tsyrulnik, head of loans department Alexander Vdovin, as well as unemployed Andrei Kuznetsov and Vitaly Vergizov who selected the sham firms

Sinyukhin, Vdovin and Kuznetsov have been detained and a court has ruled to place them in custody pending trial, while Tsyrulnik and Vergizov are wanted. The discovered property of the accused and accounts of firms that got the stolen money have been arrested.

The investigators continue the probe and identifying other persons involved in the crime.

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