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## **Five men in Khabarovsk suspected of establishing sham firms to evade taxes**

The Khabarovsk Territory Office of the Investigative Committee suspects 5 men aged 50, 47, 36, 31 and 30 of illegal establishment of a legal entity under Part 2, item “b” of Article 173.1 of the RF Criminal Code.

According to investigators, one of the suspects, an owner of a security systems installation company decided to establish several phony firms to evade paying taxes. He asked his acquaintances to register 3 legal entities on their names. They then passed over packets of documents to the man, who basically managed the sham firms, including registering documents on alleged economic activities, though there was no such activity at all. This way he evaded to pay over 20 million rubles in tax. The scam involved another man, who was a temporary owner of sham firms for several months.

The case was opened based on the materials provided by the Khabarovsk Territory police department.

The 47-year-old man is under another investigation – he is suspected of tax evasion under Part 2, item “b” of Article 199 of the RF Criminal Code.

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