

Former officers of Interior Ministry’s Economic Security and Corruption Directorate to stand trial for exceeding power



The Head Office of the Investigative Committee has finished criminal proceedings against former deputy head of the department B of the Interior Ministry’s Economic Security and Corruption Directorate Alexander Sobol and his subordinate – major cases detective Sergei Abramov charged with exceeding power under Part 3, item “c” of Article 286 of the RF Criminal Code.

According to investigators, Sobol and Abramov passed through a middleman 5 million rubles out of 1 million 200 thousand US dollars planned to be passed to two residents of Moscow Region for then to commit a fraud. They then documented their actions, detained the suspects and provided necessary documents so that the suspects could be detained. The accused committed the crime to raise their performance and to ensure their promotion.

The innocent people were kept in detention for over two years. Eventually the charges were dropped

as there was no corpus delicti.

While being held in custody, the men lost their jobs, sources of income and one of them even became a person with disability. The injured parties have claimed 70 million rubles in damages.

The middleman of the accused was sentenced to a prison term earlier.

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

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