
In Moscow Region, defendants under multimillion swindling during disposal of aircraft missiles sections to appear in court



The Moscow Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished a probe into a multimillion swindling during the disposal of aircraft missiles details. The defendants are executive director of the State Research and Test Centre for Aircraft Systems Vladimir Niyazov; former Director General of JSC Turaevo Machine-Building Design Bureau “Soyuz” Nikolay Yakovlev; Deputy Director of “South Ural Specialized Disposal Centre” JSC Igor Maloletkin; CFO of “Tactical Missiles Corporation” JSC Viktor Vagan; and Andrei Sidorov. According to their part, they were charged with offences under Part 4 of Article 159; and Paragraph A of Part 4 of Article 226 of the Criminal Code of Russia (swindling; stealing of arms).

According to the investigators, in 2010-2011, under the state contract with the Russian Ministry of Defence, the State Research and Test Centre for Aircraft Systems had been supposed to dismantle 93 aircraft missiles and deliver them to “South Ural Specialized Disposal Centre” JSC for

processing. The defendants had been providing for the dismantling of the missiles' engines "R95-300" in working condition, and selling them to another country (Ukraine). As records, the accomplices had provided the Ministry of Defence with forged documents on the complete disposal of the missiles. The unlawful acts of the defendants had caused damage to the state amounting to more than 160 million roubles.

At the first stage of the investigation, two of the seven defendants had signed a pre-trial immunity agreement, and their cases are to be presented separately. They have been already convicted.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case against the five defendants with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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