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## Former Deputy Governor of Vladimir Region sentenced



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia was found sufficient by the court to sentence former Deputy Governor of Vladimir Region Dmitry Khvostov. He was found guilty of offences under Paragraph C of Part 5 and Part 6 of Article 290 (bribe-taking) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

The investigation and the court established that, in 2014, Khvostov had been mediated a bribe of 1.4 million roubles in Vladimir. The money had been intended for making a decision in favour of a director of two corporate entities to prepare and send a budget request of Vladimir Region to include construction of one of children's pre-school facilities of the city to the relevant federal programme. In addition, in 2015-2016, the defendant had been again mediated bribes in the form of an ownership right for an apartment worth around 6.4 million roubles and cash totalling over 9 million roubles, for approval and referral of development projects for microdistrict Snovitsy-Verizino of Vladimir to the same entrepreneur.

Moreover, in April 2014, Khvostov had been mediated a bribe of 2.2 million roubles from a participant owning 50% of the authorised capital of another corporate entity, for the Governor's decree on public hearings, and then for approval of their results and the development project.

In 2015, the defendant similarly received another bribe of at least 800,000 roubles from the director of a limited liability company and participant of a construction entity, to contribute within his

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powers to his benefit during the implementation of the federal programme “Residence for Russian Family”.

During the probe, investigators arrested defendant’s cars, houses, apartments, land plots, and other property, as well as those of his relatives and other individuals who had the property bought for criminal money registered for them.

Investigations into mediators of Khvostov’s bribes who signed pre-trial immunity agreements were presented in the court separately.

The court sentences Khvostov to 11 years of imprisonment in a strict regime correctional colony, with a fine of over 560 million roubles.

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