
Court sentences former director of Konservny Zavod of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia and his accomplices



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia were found to be sufficient by the court to sentence former director of the Federal Unitary Enterprise “Konservny Zavod” of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia Pavel Belikov, head of procurement department of the enterprise Sergey Safonov, Director General of Master-Konditer LLC Andrey Anoshin, and merchants Mger Kirakosyan and Slo Ivo. They were found guilty of committing of the following offences according to their roles in the committed crimes: Part 4 of Article 160 (embezzlement), Part 7 of Article 204 (commercial bribery), Part 6 of Article 290 (bribe-taking), Part 4 of Article 159 (swindling) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigation and the court, in 2015 Belikov with the complicity of Safonov, Anoshin and Kirakosyan embezzled over 65.7 million roubles allocated for vegetable fat procurement for the enterprise by concluding fictitious contracts with commercial organizations controlled by the accomplices, which acted as mediators between wholesale suppliers of the stated products and Konservny Zavod of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia.

At that, in 2015 Belikov received from Kirakosyan an illegal cash remuneration of 30 million

roubles for illegal activities in his interests including procurement contract at the knowingly inflated price.

Moreover, acting as a preliminarily conspired group, they stole money allocated for food procurement (margarine) for the federal penal system from the federal budget. It was stated that, in 2016, the accomplices, acting on behalf of Konservny Zavod of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, supplied to the regional units of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia cheap products of an outside factory under the guise of margarine produced by the enterprise; the money they received under government contracts were transferred to accounts of a commercial organization under their control. The perpetrators caused the government a total damage of over 40.9 million roubles with their illegal activities.

During the investigation, investigators have performed a significant volume of investigative and procedural work. Thus, over 150 witnesses have been questioned in different regions of the Russian Federation; investigators have studied a big volume of financial and economic documents; 15 different complex and comprehensive forensic examinations have been carried out.

The court sentenced Belikov to 8.5 years of imprisonment with a fine of 600,000 roubles; Kirakosyan to 7.5 years of imprisonment with a fine of 600,000 roubles; Safonov to 4 years and 2 months of imprisonment with a fine of 350,000 roubles; Anoshin and Ivo to 4 years of imprisonment with a fine of 300, 000 roubles each.

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