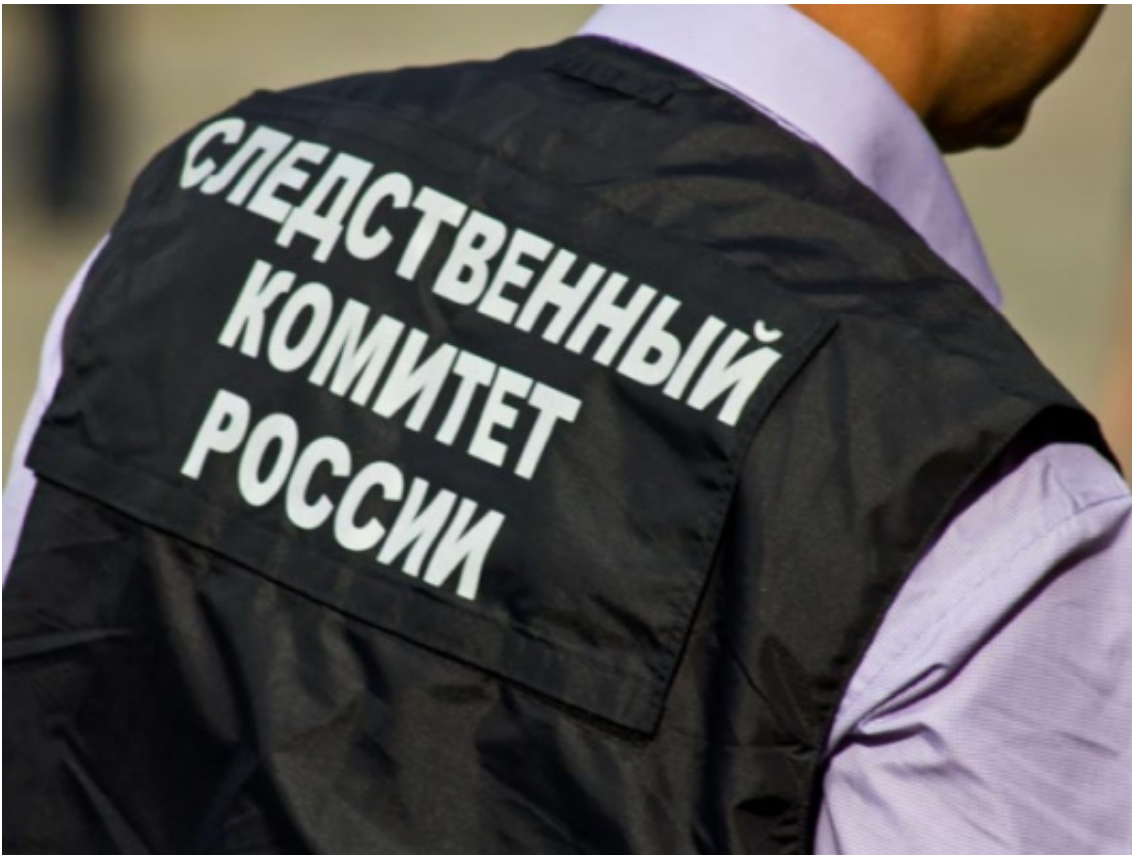

Members of organised group committed illegal banking activities and legalisation of money sentenced



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate over North Caucasus Federal District of the Investigative Committee of Russia was found sufficient by the court to sentence seven residents of Stavropol who were found guilty of committing as an organised group of illegal banking activities and legalisation of funds obtained in a crime in Stavropol Territory (Paragraphs A and B of Part 2 of Article 172; Part 3 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

The investigation and the court established that the organised group's members' illegal banking activities without a special permit in Stavropol Territory brought them over 10 billion roubles non-cash and earned them at least 130 million roubles.

The court sentenced Georgy Bulygin, the leader of the group, to two years and six months of imprisonment, with a fine of 400,000 roubles. The other participants of the criminal group were also

found guilty of illegal banking activities and sentenced varyingly, to imprisonment too.

The criminal case had been investigated by the General Administration for the North-Caucasian Federal District of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for four years. However, in October 2015 it was withdrawn by the Deputy Prosecutor General of Russia and referred to the Main Investigations Directorate over North Caucasus Federal District, because senior major crimes investigator Alexey Mosienko, who had been working in the case, was arrested at bribe-taking from the leader of the organised group so that the freeze of his assets was lifted.

The inquiry into Mosienko was referred to court in 2016; he was sentenced to eight years of imprisonment, with a fine of 11 million roubles.

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