
In Krasnodar, organizer and two participants of organized criminal group engaged in illegal banking activities with cash-out operations to be brought to justice

The Krasnodar Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has finished a probe into illegal banking activity (Paragraphs A and B of Part 2 of Article 172 of the Criminal Code of Russia), legalization of funds (Parts 1 and 2 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia), organization of a criminal community and participation in it (Parts 1 and 2 of Article 210 of the Criminal Code of Russia), and illegal turnover of payments (Part 2 of Article 187 of the Criminal Code of Russia), committed by three men. In addition, the organizer of the crimes was also charged with evasion of taxes on organizations (Parts 1 and 2 of Article 199 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

According to the investigation, experienced in managing commercial organizations, the 42-year-old defendant had created an organized criminal group, in which he had involved four acquaintances to obtain financial gain through illegal banking and extracting particularly large incomes. The group had had a clear hierarchical structure, distribution of functions, and the common material and financial base, while security measures against possible exposure had been applied.

According to the plan developed by the organizer, more than 50 shell companies and firms had been created and acquired by the perpetrators, through which cash had been withdrawn for further transfer to clients for a cash reward. The accused persons had also sold forged payment documents on the transfer of funds and introduced them to the banking system. Between February 2014 and October 2016, the amount of criminal income received by accomplices had exceeded 66 million rubles. Via the above-mentioned organizations controlled by them, they had caused the state the damage in the amount exceeding 337 million rubles in the form of unpaid value-added tax.

Moreover, the organizer had submitted declarations on value-added tax for three companies to the tax authority, knowingly providing false information. As a result, the man had evaded taxes in the amount exceeding 57 million rubles.

During the investigation, the court ruled to keep the accused persons in custody, which is valid to the present. Due to the fact that two more men fled from the investigating authorities, they continue to be on the federal wanted list.

The investigative support of the probe was carried out by officers of the Department for Economic

Crimes Prevention and Corruption Control of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs in Krasnodar.

As provisional measures, the investigator seized the property of the accused persons, as well as the property of their families, which worth exceeded 45 million rubles. As part of the criminal investigation, a number of examinations were carried out, including handwriting, financial and economic, and psychiatric examinations.

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

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