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## **In Stavropol Territory, managers, chief accountant, and accountant of two enterprises to stand trial, accused of a number of crimes**

The Stavropol Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has finished the investigation into spouses who had been directors of Agro-Yug-Zerno LLC and Andromaks LLC, the chief accountant, and the accountant of these companies. Depending on their involvement, they are charged with committing offences under Part 5 of Article 33, Paragraphs A and B of Part 2 of Article 199, Paragraph B of Part 2 of Article 199 (tax evasion), Parts 4 and 7 of Article 159 (swindling), Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (legalization (laundering) of funds acquired by a person in an illegal way), Part 4 of Article 160 (embezzlement), Part 3 of Article 30, and Part 5 of Article 159 (swindling attempt) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

According to the investigators, from September 2009 to December 2011, the founder, director, chief accountant, and accountant of Andromaks LLC had evaded payment of value-added tax providing the tax authority with declarations containing knowingly false information. The total amount of the organization's tax arrears had amounted to 154 million rubles.

Additionally, the director of Agro-Yug-Zerno LLC had posted fictitious transactions of purchase of agricultural products from organizations controlled by him in the accounting and tax books, thus artificially and illegally increasing the amounts of tax deductions. Subsequently, the respective information had been recorded in the tax declarations. Using this scheme in 2011, the accused had evaded taxes amounting to more than 229 million rubles.

At the same time, the director of Agro-Yug-Zerno LLC with his subordinates had stolen more than 1.3 million rubles from the state as a value-added tax refund for 2Q 2011 by artificially overestimating the amount of tax to be refunded from the budget.

Additionally, from May 2015 till December 2015, the spouses, for stealing funds of Gravit LLC, had provided Gravit LLC with knowingly fictitious delivery notes and receipts allegedly confirming the delivery and acceptance of more than 100,000 tons of wheat in the warehouses of the organizations that they had managed. The General Director of Gravit LLC, misled regarding their intention to fully discharge the contractual obligations for delivery and unloading of wheat, had paid more than 900 million rubles to the settlement accounts of the organizations that they had controlled as a payment for allegedly purchased wheat, which had been disposed by the accused at their discretion, thereby causing material damage to Gravit LLC for the said amount classified as a large scale.

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Also in 2015, to give a veneer of legality to the possession, use, and disposal of the money earned through swindling with respect to Gravit LLC, the accused had effected financial operations including repayment of liabilities under overdue payments for the total amount of over 41 million rubles.

This probe was launched based on results of a review of materials received from the Stavropol Regional Main Directorate of the Ministry for Internal Affairs of Russia.

Meticulous work was conducted for the probe: the criminal case included over 115 volumes, over 1,200 investigative actions, 26 forensic expert examinations were completed. The role of each of the accused was defined due to this work. Comprehensive measures were taken for reimbursement of the inflicted material damage, which allowed for seizing the property of the accused and organizations that they had controlled for the amount of over 190 million rubles.

Currently, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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