## In Republic of Bashkortostan, two local citizens to stand trial for swindling and improper rendering of services for disposal of housing for orphan children



The Bashkortostan Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished a probe into 50-year old entrepreneur and her 52-year-old husband accused of committing of 20 episodes of offences under Part 3 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code of Russia (swindling on a large scale) and 20 episodes of offences under Paragraph A of Part 2 of Article 238 of the Criminal Code of Russia (sale of goods, which do not meet safety standards committed by a group of persons under preliminary conspiracy).

As it was established by investigation, from 2014 to 2017 the individual entrepreneur and her husband built seven apartment houses with evident violations of construction technologies on land plots in Novobelokatay rented from Belokataysky District Administration. The housing was subsequently disposed by Belokataysky District Administration under municipal contracts for purchase of housing for orphan children and children left without parental care.

The indicated houses had construction defects, violations of town planning legislation and deviations from project documentation and technical regulations that, in fact, make these apartments unfit for

occupation. Interagency commissions recognised these houses as emergency dwellings subject to demolition or reconstruction.

Apart from that, the accused submitted forged project documentation in order to take part in an auction to obtain rights for housing disposal.

The illegal activities inflicted damage of over 18.8 million roubles to Belokataysky District Administration and allowed people to occupy the indicated apartment buildings.

The accused didn't admit their guilt.

At present, the indictment for this probe is approved; after the accused receive a copy of it, the probe will be referred to court to be tried on the merits.

Investigation of a probe into Belokataysky District Administration officials exceeding their official powers in issuing construction permits for the indicated houses, their commissioning and purchase is ongoing.

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