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## **Two former Moscow police officers and their accomplices accused of bribe-taking and organization of illegal migration in Moscow to stand trial**

The Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished investigation of a probe into two former Moscow police officers and six their accomplices of no state service. Depending on their involvement, they are accused of committing crimes under Parts 1,2,3 of Article 210 (organization of a criminal community through one's official position and participation in it); Part 6 of Article 290 (bribe-taking on an especially large scale); Part 5 of Article 291 (bribe-giving); Paragraph A of Part 2 of Article 322.1 (organization of illegal migration committed by an organized group); Paragraphs A,B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (large-scale legalisation of funds or other assets acquired by a person as a result of a committed offence); and Part 3 of Article 30, Part 3 of Article 228 of the Criminal Code of Russia (attempted illegal acquisition and storage of narcotic drugs committed on an especially large scale).

According to investigation, from July 2016 to October 2017 two police officers holding official positions in the system of migration control bodies of Internal Affairs Directorate for Troitskiy and New Moscow Administrative District and their relative - a 58-year-old Moscow citizen - having an intent for systematical committing of a number of grave and especially grave offences organized a criminal community engaging other persons. After assigning roles among themselves, the accomplices received a bribe of over 44 million roubles from persons representing interests of foreign citizens and distributed it between them at their own discretion, including purchase of movable and immovable property. Illegal cash remuneration was intended as a bribe for organization of illegal migration registration in New Moscow. As a result of their illegal activities, the accomplices fraudulently registered over 64,000 foreign citizens.

The illegal activities were detected and disrupted as a result of well-planned investigative activities and operative measures carried out by investigators of the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate during investigation of a probe into one of the former police officers suspected of illegal acquisition and storage of narcotic drugs, committed on an especially large scale (Part 3 of Article 30, Part 3 of Article 228 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

Investigators performed a significant volume of high-quality investigative and procedural actions in Moscow and in other regions of Russia, identified and interrogated over 150 witnesses, carried out forensic examinations, conclusions of which enabled them to establish involvement of all accomplices in the indicated offences. The investigators managed to gather evidence exposing the

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guilt of all the participants of the perpetrators, despite the complexity of the investigation due to the many episodes and non-obviousness of the crimes. The criminal case comprised of 81 volumes.

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

Materials of the probe into one of the co-perpetrators were processed separately and will be considered under a special procedure in the near future. The accused fully admitted his guilt and assisted to the investigation.

Moreover, probes into unidentified co-perpetrators are processed separately. Investigators continue to carry out investigative activities and criminal intelligence and surveillance operations in order to identify all the persons involved in the crime.

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