
In Tomsk Region, a probe into a group or persons carrying out illegal banking activities referred to court

The Tomsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished investigation into a group of persons accused of committing offences under Paragraphs A,B of Part 2 of Article 172 of the Criminal Code of Russia (illegal banking activities committed by an organized group on a large scale) and Part 2 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (legalization of funds or other assets acquired by a person as a result of committed offence).

Illegal activities of the organized group were disrupted in 2018 due to operative measures taken by the Tomsk Regional Directorate of the FSS that provided grounds for the Tomsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation to launch a probe; eight participants of the illegal activities were identified including five Tomsk citizens and three residents of Novosibirsk Region and Krasnoyarsk Territory.

Due to the offence committed in several regions, investigation of the probe featured a special complexity and importance. Due to well-coordinated actions of investigators of the Tomsk Regional Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia and officers of the Tomsk Regional Directorate of the FSS, it became possible not only to identify all participants of the illegal activities, having cashed over 700 million roubles during seven years, but also to prove their guilt. Investigation process included interrogation of several dozens of witnesses and carrying out around 20 examinations (accounting, phonetic-acoustic, tax, economic). The investigators identified and arrested the property of the accused of total value of over 30 million roubles. The probe amounted to more than 50 volumes.

According to investigation, in 2011 an advocate of Tomsk Regional Chamber of Advocates created and organized criminal group aimed to jointly commit a grave offence related to carrying out illegal banking activities in Krasnoyarsk Territory, Tomsk and Novosibirsk Regions in absence of registration or a special permit (license) in cases requiring such permit, extracting particularly large incomes. Each participant of the organized group was aware of the nature of activities of the group, played his part in the illegal banking activities and followed direct instructions of the leader of the organized group.

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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