
In the Republic of Komi, the former Deputy Director-General of the Interregional Distributive Grid Company North-West sentenced to imprisonment for bribe-taking

The evidence gathered by the Komi Regional Office of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation was found sufficient by the court to sentence the former Deputy Director-General of the IDGC North-West Pavel Shiryaev. He was found guilty of eight episodes of bribe-taking by a group of persons in a preliminary conspiracy on especially large scale (Parts 5,6 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

Pavel Shiryaev is one of co-perpetrators of a probe involving former Director-General of IDGC North-West Alexander Letyagin, his deputy Pavel Shiryaev, administrative advisor Vladimir Lazutkin, as well as Deputy Director-General of IDGC North-West - Director of Komienenergo Branch Valery Drait and his deputies Evgeny Sesyuk and Dmitry Vylegzhanin.

The investigation and the court established that in 2014-2018, Letyagin and Shiryaev with mediation of Vylegzhanin and Lazutkin, and from August 2017 of Drait and Sesyuk, acting as a conspired organized group, in accordance with their part, had received over 70 million rubles (so-called «kickbacks») as bribes for assisting, unconditional acceptance and payment of works under the contract between the companies and IDGC North-West. Letyagin had legalized a part of the funds acquired in an illegal way.

Charges for bribe-taking by a group of persons in a preliminary conspiracy on an especially large scale (Parts 5 and 6 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia) were pressed on Letyagin (8 episodes), Shiryaev (8 episodes), Drait (5 episodes), and Sesyuk (5 episodes). Letyagin is also charged with legalization (laundering) of funds acquired by a person in an illegal way on a large scale through their official position (Paragraph B of Part 3 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia). Vylegzhanin and Lazutkin are accused of mediation in bribery through their official positions, on a large and especially large scale (Parts 3 and 4 of Article 291.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

The investigation was opened upon materials of officers of the Russian Federal Security Service and was carried out with their operational support.

At the moment, the other defendants are studying the investigation materials. Due to signing a pre-trial immunity agreement, materials concerning Pavel Shiryaev who admitted his guilt and provided

assistance during the investigation were presented in the court separately.

Shiryaev was sentenced to 6 years of imprisonment in a strict regime penal colony, with a fine of 30 million rubles.

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