
In the Republic of Komi, the former authorities of Interregional Distributive Grid Company North-West accused of corruption offences to stand trial

The Komi Republican Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has finished the investigation into 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 Komienergo Branch Valery Drait and his deputies Evgeny Sesyuk and Dmitry Vylegzhanin.

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 illegally acquired by a person 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.

According to the investigation, 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 illegally.

Previously a sentence was imposed over a former Deputy Director-General of IDGC North-West Pavel Shiryaev a probe into whom was processed separately under an immunity agreement. He was sentenced to 6 years of imprisonment in a strict regime penal colony, with a fine of 30 million rubles.

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

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