
In Kirov Region, probe into embezzlement of monetary funds of Electronic Travel Card LLC referred to court

The Kirov Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished the investigation into the embezzlement of monetary funds of Electronic Travel Card LLC committed by an organized group.

From 2012 to 2013, one of the entities of Kirov had developed a program “Mom, I’m Home!” and implemented pilot projects of its use in schools of the regional center. Former Deputy of Kirov Municipal Duma Dmitry Nikulin in conspiracy with former Director of Electronic Travel Card LLC Anatoly Ganba and former Director of Municipal Budgetary Institution “Central Dispatcher Service of Municipal Passenger Transport” Alexander Rybolovlev had committed a theft of monetary funds of Electronic Travel Card LLC through embezzlement, knowing that one of the entities had already developed the indicated software and launched a pilot project that had been operating successfully without additional expenses. The said persons in conspiracy with former Head of the Transport Department of the Improvement and Transport Directorate of the Kirov Municipal Administration Oleg Chichibabin had used the same pattern to steal at least 34.7 million rubles from Electronic Travel Card LLC and Municipal Budgetary Institution “Central Dispatcher Service of Municipal Passenger Transport” during the implementation of municipal programs for the Kirov transport infrastructure development. Dmitry Nikulin had legalized the stolen money and distributed it between the members of the criminal group.

The preliminary investigation established an additional episode of the illegal activities of Director of Electronic Travel Card LLC Anatoly Ganba who had received an interest-free loan of 20 million rubles from the said Entity. Anatoly Ganba had used the received monetary funds for profit-making by placing the money in credit organizations as interest deposits with a total sum of profit of at least 1.6 million rubles. The illegal actions of the accused inflicted significant damage on the legal rights and interests of the said Entity.

All participants of the crime gave testimony on the substance of the charges and reported all circumstances of the offense.

During the investigation, investigators of the Kirov Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia carried out numerous investigative actions, established circumstances of the offense, collected sufficient evidence, and took measures to arrest property of the accused persons in order to compensate the inflicted damage.

Dmitry Nikulin, Anatoly Ganba, Alexander Rybolovlev, and Oleg Chichibabin were accused of committing an offense under Part 4 of Article 160 of the Criminal Code of Russia (stealing of other people's property entrusted to the convicted person, committed by a person through their official position on a large scale). Apart from that, Dmitry Nikulin was accused of committing an offense under Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (legalization, that is conducting financial and other transactions with funds acquired through a crime in order to give a legal appearance to the possession, use, and disposal of such funds on a particularly large scale); Anatoly Ganba and Alexander Rybolovlev were accused of committing an offense under Part 1 of Article 201 of the Criminal Code of Russia (abuse of authority).

Currently, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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