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## **Former First Deputy Minister of communal services of Astrakhan Region found guilty of abuse of power**



The evidence gathered by the Astrakhan Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation was considered sufficient by the court to convict the former First Deputy Minister of Communal Services of the region. The woman has been found guilty of committing a crime under Part 1 of Article 286 of the Criminal Code of Russia (abuse of power).

The investigation and the court established that, being the Chairman of the Management Board of the nonprofit organization “Astrakhan Region Capital Repair Fund of Apartment Buildings” and holding the position of the First Deputy Minister of Communal Services of the region, in May 2015 the convicted approved the illegal expenditure of funds from the regional budget in the amount of 1.8 million rubles to be paid by the Fund under the agency contract with OJSC Social Guarantees, concluded in violation of the Housing Code of the Russian Federation and the legislation of Astrakhan Region.

These criminal actions resulted in a significant violation of the legally protected interests of society

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and the state, as well as caused damage to the budget of Astrakhan Region of 1.8 million rubles.

The court sentenced the accused to 2 years of suspended imprisonment with a probationary period of 2 years, with forfeiture of the right to hold positions related to the exercise of organizational and administrative powers in state and local authorities for a period of 2 years.

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