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## **Judge of Altai Territory Arbitration Court to stand trial for large-scale bribe-taking**



The Altai Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished the investigation into a judge of the Arbitration Court. He is accused of committing an offense under Paragraph C of Part 5 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia (large-scale bribe-taking by a functionary, in person or through an intermediary, in the form of money, for illegal actions (inaction) in favor of a bribe-giver or the persons he represents). The Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia launched the probe with the consent of the Higher Qualification Board of Judges.

According to the investigation, from May to June 2017, the convict, possessing a position of a judge of the Altai Territory Arbitration Court, in mediation of a judge (now retired) of the same court and a citizen not related to judicial branch, received a large-scale bribe of 800,000 rubles from QBank OJSC for commission of actions under his jurisdiction involving issuing of court decision known to be unlawful in favor of the designated commercial organization.

During the investigation, the judge fully admitted his guilt. The investigation gathered enough



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evidence; therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits. The property of the convict of the total value of 1.5 million rubles has been arrested in order to secure the execution of judgment under a civil claim.

This August, the probe into the former judge--mediator convicted under Part 4 of Article 291.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (especially large-scale mediation in bribe-taking) was referred to court and is currently tried on the merits. Previously the court sentenced the civilian engaged in bribe-taking as a mediator to 4 years of imprisonment and a fine of 75 million rubles.

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