
Head of Arkhangelsk and Nenets Regional Directorate of the Federal Tax Service arrested on suspicion of bribe-taking



The Arkhangelsk and Nenets Regional Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has launched a probe into Head of the Arkhangelsk and Nenets Regional Directorate of the Federal Tax Service Sergey Rodionov suspected of committing an offense under Part 6 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia (bribe-taking committed by a public officer through a mediator, on an especially large scale), as well as into a representative of a commercial entity suspected of committing an offense under Part 4 of Article 291.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (mediation in bribery on an especially large scale).

According to the investigation, from April through November 2019, the suspect extorted and received a bribe of 8.5 million rubles through the mediator in Arkhangelsk and St. Petersburg. The bribe was intended for the commission of illegal activities in favor of the bribe-giver and persons represented by him, including reduction of amounts of wage arrears, penalties, and fines assessed

during a field tax inspection of a commercial organization engaged in collecting and processing metal scrap. Apart from that, the remuneration was required for granting the possibility to pay the wage arrears, penalties, and fines in installments through a settlement agreement with the Arkhangelsk and Nenets Regional Directorate of the Federal Tax Service and for facilitating the actions through the official position of the bribe-taker.

The suspects were detained by officers of the Arkhangelsk Regional Directorate of the Federal Security Service while handing over another part of the bribe of 1 million rubles.

At the moment, investigative actions are being conducted to determine all the circumstances of the committed offense. Search activities have been carried out at the place of residence of the public officer.

The launched probe is based on materials of operative and search activities provided by the Arkhangelsk Regional Directorate of the Federal Security Service.

At the request of the investigation, the court ruled to put the suspects in custody. The criminal investigation is ongoing.

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