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## **Former Deputy Head of Rostov Regional Main Directorate of Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia sentenced**



The evidence gathered by the Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has been found by the court to be sufficient to convict Former Deputy Head of the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia Sergey Ralnikov. He has been found guilty of bribe-taking committed by an organized group under preliminary conspiracy on a large and especially large scale (two episodes under Part 6 of the Article 290, three episodes under Paragraph A, C of Part 5 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

The investigation and the court established that from July 2016 to May 2017 Ralnikov, acting as an organized group under preliminary conspiracy with Sergey Smirnov, holding a position of the Head of the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, had been receiving bribes of a total value of 11 million rubles in parts from four representatives of commercial organizations.

Apart from that, from January 2016 to May 2017 Ralnikov, Smirnov, and Head of the

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Administrative Support Department of the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia Alexander Asyutin had received a part of a bribe of 450,000 rubles from a representative of a commercial enterprise.

Bribes from representatives of commercial organizations had been received by officials of the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia for ensuring contracting on behalf of the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia and its subordinate institutions on procurement of goods for the needs of the criminal penitentiary system; the unimpeded acceptance of these goods and timely payments for them; the unimpeded production activities of one of commercial organizations in the territory of a penal colony subordinate to the Rostov Regional Main Directorate of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia.

The probe into Asyutin is being considered in court; the illegal activities of Smirnov are assessed in terms of a separate probe.

The bank accounts of the accused have been arrested.

Ralnikov has been sentenced to 3.5 years of imprisonment in a strict regime penal colony.

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