

Probe into especially large-scale ATM thefts finished



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has finished the investigation into especially large-scale thefts of money from ATMs.

Due to an increase in stealing money from bank accounts and to the significance and relevance of the investigation into such facts, the Prosecutor's Office referred the probe to the Investigative Committee of Russia for the organization of the investigation.

Investigators of the Investigative Committee of Russia established that an organized group specializing in thefts of money from Sberbank and Vozrozhdenie ATMs was operating in Moscow Region. For instance, the accomplices stole over 10 million rubles in cash using special software from 8 ATMs in different districts of Moscow Region in 2018.

Their activities were suppressed due to the skillful actions of law enforcement bodies.

Two probe perpetrators were accused of offenses under Parts 3, 4 of Article 158 of the Criminal Code of Russia (theft of money committed by an organized group, on a large and especially large scale, as well as attempted thefts).

The investigators gathered enough evidence for the criminal case to be referred to the Prosecutor's Office to approve an indictment.

At the same time, investigators of the Investigative Committee of Russia, in interaction with operative units of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Federal Security Service, will continue working on the identification and bringing to justice of all participants of the organized group.

One of them has been detained by law enforcement units of another country for committing similar offenses. The Investigative Committee will request his extradition to bring him to criminal responsibility in the Russian Federation.

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