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## Probe into former Chief of Sverdlovsk Railway finished



The Ural Transport Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has finished the investigation into the former Chief of the Sverdlovsk Railway--a subsidiary of the Russian Railways. He is accused of committing offenses under Paragraph C of Part 5 of Article 290 (bribe-taking on a large scale), Part 6 of Article 290 (bribe-taking on an especially large scale), and Part 1 of Article 285 (abuse of official powers) of the Criminal Code of Russia.

As part of the investigation of criminal cases against the former railway chief, the Ural Transport Investigations Directorate initiated 7 more criminal cases into illegal activities of both officials of the Sverdlovsk Railway--a branch of the Russian Railways--and officials of enterprises involved in the work on the facilities of the railway.

According to the investigation, from 2015 to 2018, the former chief of the railway had repeatedly received bribes on a large and especially large scale from directors of Stroy TIX LLC, GostStroy LLC, and SVStroyServis LLC in the amount of about 20 million rubles, in the form of property services for the development of a sketch design and working documentation for an individual house

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located in Moscow Region, its construction, and services for the development of a design project of the premises of the residential building.

In addition, the accused had given an illegal order to his subordinate to transfer to SVStroyServis LLC the crushed stone, which belonged to the Russian Railways and intended to be used for the construction and modernization of public access roads, without entering into a contractual relationship with SVStroyServis LLC and paying for it. Thus, the Russian Railways had suffered damage worth over 6 million rubles.

In the course of the preliminary investigation, a sufficient evidence base was collected to confirm the guilt of the former chief of the Sverdlovsk Railway: a large number of witnesses were questioned; many seizures, searches, and inspections of crime scenes, as well as inspections of objects and documents confiscated during the investigation, and face-to-face interrogations were carried out; and a set of forensic examinations was arranged and carried out, including construction, evaluation, accounting, phonoscopic, linguistic, handwriting, and computer examinations.

Due to the death of the former chief of the Sverdlovsk Railway and the receipt of consent from his close relatives to the termination of the criminal case, the criminal prosecution and the case against him were terminated for reasons other than exoneration.

In addition, on the basis of the criminal case materials, a lawsuit has been filed against the legal representatives of the accused and the bribe-givers in the interests of the Russian Federation to apply for more than 144 million rubles to the state's income, the legality of which has not been documented, and about 20 million rubles, which are the subject of the bribes.

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