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In the Kabardino-Balkar Republic, probe into theft of senior citizen property by fraud finished



The Kabardino-Balkar Republican Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has finished the investigation into theft by fraud of the property of senior citizen Rosa Shavayeva from Nalchik. The victim's half-sister has been charged with committing offenses under Part 4 of Article 159 (acquisition of the right to other people's property by means of deceit, committed on a large scale and entailing deprivation of the citizen's right to residential premises) and Parts 2, 3 of Article 159 (theft of other people's property by fraud) of the Criminal Code of Russia. The investigation was supervised by the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia.

On March 19, 2014, a fire had broken out in the residential premises belonging to Rosa Shavayeva, born in 1941, which had caused significant damage to the household. The victim's half-sister, reliably aware that the former needed constant care due to her age and a stroke suffered, had conceived to acquire ownership of her real estate--a residential house and a land plot, thus depriving the victim of her only home, as well as to steal the victim's money, leaving her without a livelihood. In pursuit of her intent, the accused had misled a notary by informing the woman of the loss of all title deeds to the house as a result of the fire and of her sister's intention to re-register the house to



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her. The victim had signed a general power of attorney issued by the notary, which gave her sister the right to make transactions on her behalf. The accused seized the victim's savings of 400,000 rubles under the pretext of repairing the house. A few months later she had received another 100,000 rubles from the senior woman under the same pretext, and then, using a power of attorney, had withdrawn 20,000 rubles from her account. In order to alienate the ownership of the pensioner's dwelling house and land plot, the accused had drafted and concluded a purchase and sale agreement with her daughter on behalf of the victim, under which she had allegedly sold the dwelling for 850,000 rubles. A month later, in completing her intent, the accused had concluded a deal with her daughter in which she herself had already acted as the buyer of the property, with full power to dispose of it at her own discretion.

For the period of the investigation, the accused was placed under house arrest. The criminal case has been referred to conclude an indictment.

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