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## **In Tyva Republic, former tax service officials to stand trial for committing a number of corruption offenses**

The Tyva Republican Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation finished investigation of a probe into 55-year-old former head of Tyva Republican federal tax service, her 54-year-old husband and her former subordinates: 37-year-old head of informatization department and 34-year-old expert of logistics department. Depending on the role of each they were charged with committing of offenses under Part 4 of Article 159 (swindling, that is, the stealing of other people's property by fraud committed by a person through their official position, by an organized group, on an especially large scale), Paragraphs A, B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 (legalization of funds acquired in an illegal way), Part 4 of Article 272 (illegal accessing of legally protected computer information). Apart from that the former head of regional tax service directorate was charged with committing an offence under Part 6 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code of Russia (bribery on an especially large scale).

According to investigation, during the period from September 2017 to January 2018 the accused acting as an organized group with assigned roles, through their official position and authority, fraudulently stole on an especially large scale funds totalling for over 30 million rubles of Vostok LLC VAT for 3Q allocated to federal budget. Later, in order to legalize the criminal proceeds the former head of Tyva Republican federal tax service and her husband through subordinate tax service officers organized transfer of the funds to accounts of shell companies under false sales contracts and cashed them out to use at their own discretion: paid over 5 million rubles for participatory construction of an apartment in Moscow and bought another apartment worth over 10 million rubles.

Apart from that preliminary investigation established an additional fact of illegal activities of the accused: during the period from July to November 2018 the former head of regional tax service directorate intentionally, for the purpose of personal enrichment received through mediators a cash bribe of 15 million rubles from Lunsin LLC for illegal actions of exemption of the indicated LLC from income tax for tax period of 2017 without legitimate reasons. A probe into bribe-giver, director of the LLC, under Part 5 of Article 291 of the Criminal Code of Russia (bribing through a mediator on an especially large scale) is being processed.

The illegal activities of the accused were detected by Tyva Republican Directorate of the Federal Security Service of Russia. The criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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