
In Cheboksary, investigation of a probe into an organized criminal group accused of organization of illegal gambling finished

The Chuvash Republican Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished investigation of a probe into four Cheboksary citizens charged with committing offenses under Part 3 of Article 171.2 of the Criminal Code of Russia (illegal organization and conduct of gambling committed by an organized group attended by profit-making on an especially large scale) and Paragraph A of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (legalization of monetary funds acquired in an illegal way, committed on an especially large scale by an organized group).

According to investigation, in autumn 2018 a 50-year-old Cheboksary citizen created and became a leader of an organized criminal group including his cohabitant, one more woman and his acquaintance. After that from October 2018 to February 28, 2019 the accused organized activities of gambling establishments at two addresses in Cheboksary (including a Fashion House facility) under the guise of rent of entertainment equipment. They also hired relevant staff and installed required gambling equipment including at least 57 gaming monoblocks. During the indicated period, as a result of their illegal activities, the accused acquired illegal proceeds of over 25.5 million rubles, that is, on an especially large scale. In order to legalize the ownership and discretion of the funds the accused transferred them between their accounts and then cashed them out to include in legal economic turnover.

In February 2019 the illegal activities of suspects were intercepted as a result of joint operation of the Chuvash Republican Investigations Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia and officers of Department on combating organized crime of Criminal Investigations Directorate of the Interior Ministry of the Russian Federation over Chuvash Republic.

During investigation of the probe investigators have carried out 12 searches, questioned over 50 persons, seized over 57 pieces of gambling equipment and other items of evidentiary importance.

Involvement of the accused in the alleged offenses is confirmed by their testimonies, witness testimonies, forensic examination reports and other case materials.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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