
In the Republic of Bashkortostan, a criminal group of six persons to stand trial for obstruction of entrepreneurial activity, abuse and exceeding of official powers in order to steal the company's products of total value of over 93 million rubles

The Bashkortostan Republican Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished investigation of a probe into six Sterlitamak residents accused, depending on the role of each, of committing offenses under Part 3 of Article 285 (abuse of authority), Part 3 of Article 286 (exceeding of authority), Part 2 of Article 169 (obstruction of legitimate business activities), Part 4 of Article 158 (theft), Part 2 of Article 292 and Part 4 of Article 33, Part 2 of Article 292 (official forgery and incitement to it), Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (legalization (laundering) of property acquired by person as a result of a crime committed by him).

As established by investigation, in 2018 the senior police officer of Sterlitamak Interior Ministry Department anonymously reported to the police that BashHolding LLC produced and stored agrochemical products without relevant documents. After that, in terms of an inspection carried out by him, the police officer organized seizure of the said products of total value of over 220 million rubles from the company warehouse in Sterlitamak and transported the products to two other warehouses without filing any documents for safekeeping.

Afterwards the police officer with accomplices, having failed to agree with direction of the company on termination of inspection and return of seized products for cash remuneration of 100 million rubles, in order to legitimize the illegal seizure of products, attracted a specialist-expert and the head of the local department of Rospotrebnadzor (Federal Service for Supervision of Consumers Protection), who issued a deliberately false act of inspection of the warehouse, allegedly containing violations of sanitary and epidemiological requirements for the goods revealed in the warehouse of the enterprise, in connection to which the seized agrochemicals were subject to destruction.

The accused and his accomplices subsequently sold part of the products worth over 93 million rubles to agricultural enterprises, including products of total value of over 22 million rubles sold under supply contracts in order to legitimize the deals.

The accused didn't admit their guilt in the committed offenses. The accused police officer was suspended from fulfillment of official duties.

The movable and immovable property of the accused was arrested in order to ensure fulfillment of

sentences and compensation of inflicted damage.

At present, the indictment for this probe has been approved; after the accused receive a copy of it, the probe will be referred to court to be tried on the merits.

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