## In Bashkortostan, an organized group to stand trial for stealing land plots

The Bashkortostan Republican Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished investigation of a probe into four residents of Inglinsky district accused, depending on the role of each, of committing offenses under Part 3 of Article 30, Part 4 of Article 159 and Parts 3 and 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code of Russia (swindling and attempted swindling), Part 2 of Article 327 of the Criminal Code of Russia (forgery), Paragraph A of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (legalization (laundering) of money acquired by person in an illegal way).

According to investigation, in 2007-2010 a real estate agent entered into illegal conspiracy with her brother and her acquaintance - former secretary of Inglinsky District Court - in order to steal municipal land plots located in Inglinsky district, the ownership of which was not delimited in the prescribed manner. In accordance with the developed plan, the attackers prepared forged court decisions recognizing the ownership of the said land plots for the realtor's relatives, which the former employee of the court, using the trust of her former colleagues, signed with the chairman of the Iglinsky District Court and certified them with a seal, and forged the judge's signature on several decisions. Subsequently, the accused, having illegally registered their ownership, divided the land into smaller plots and sold it to third parties for individual housing construction.

As a result of the criminal actions of the accused, land plots totally worth over 184 million rubles were stolen from the property of the municipality. The accused did not admit their guilt in the crimes committed. Their property and the land plots totally worth over 142 million rubles were arrested in order to ensure fulfillment of the sentence.

The investigation gathered enough evidence; therefore, the criminal case indictment was approved, and in the nearest time the probe will be sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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