
In Moscow Region, four members of an organized criminal community accused of embezzlement of money of shared-construction participants, to stand trial



The Moscow Regional Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia finished investigation of a probe on accusing four persons in organization of a criminal community and participation in it in order to fraudulent embezzlement of money of citizens and legalization of funds acquired in an illegal way (Part 1, 2 of Article 210, Part 4 of Article 159 (13 episodes), Part 4 of Article 160 (4 episodes), Part 3 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (2 episodes), 21 episode of criminal activity in total). During investigation 25 probes were merged into one criminal proceeding.

According to investigation, in 2007-2014 the accused, acting as a criminal community, by fraud and abuse of trust stole money of 445 citizens of total amount of over 535 million rubles under guise of

investment in construction of apartment houses and townhouses in Moscow and Moscow Region. The construction of the buildings had been performed with violation of existing legislation, without the required permissions; therefore, the buildings were recognized by the court as unauthorized constructions with the subsequent decision on their demolition.

Subsequently two of the accused legalized the money stolen from the shared-construction participants by purchasing land plots to organize dacha non-profit partnership, where they committed thefts and embezzlements of membership fees of members of Chekhovskoe Podvorye DNP (another 45 persons were recognized as victims). Two other accused legalized the money by purchasing a land plot.

This criminal case was launched and investigated by investigators of internal affairs bodies of different levels for over 7 years. On November 28, 2017 the Deputy Prosecutor for the Moscow Region seized the probe from the proceeding of the Moscow Regional Main Investigative Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia and referred it to the Moscow Regional Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia for further investigation. The reason for the transfer was obtaining of the status of a lawyer by one of the accused in May 2017.

The investigator has done a tremendous amount of work to collect and consolidate evidence. 445 persons were recognized as victims under the probe and questioned along with 250 witnesses, over 20 complex accounting and economic examinations were carried out. To ensure the execution of the sentence in terms of property penalties the investigation seized property belonging to the accused and persons controlled by them (over 530 objects in total, located in Odintsovsky, Pushkisky, Chekhovskiy, Serpukhovskiy, Krasnogorskiy Districts of Moscow Region and in new Moscow) totally worth over 1.598 billion rubles, that significantly exceeds the damage inflicted.

The collected evidence and examination reports provided a basis for indictment. The probe amounted to 400 volumes. In the nearest future the criminal case with the approved indictment will be sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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