
The Deputy Head of the Southern Customs Department and a founder of a commercial organization detained on suspicion of embezzlement of budgetary funds



The Moscow Interregional Transport Investigations Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia detained the Deputy Head of the Southern Customs Directorate and the founder of a commercial organization on suspicion of committing an offense under Part 4 Article 159 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (fraud, i.e. theft of property by deception, committed on an especially large scale).

The investigation based on the materials of colleagues of the Federal Security Service of Russia found that in 2018, when holding an electronic auction, officials of the Southern Customs Directorate ensured overestimation of the initial price of the contract for the purchase of a building to accommodate the Southern electronic customs and Southern customs post, thus forming conditions to restrict competition and create preferential conditions for the organization of the defendant in the criminal case.

After the conclusion of the state contract worth over 253 million rubles, the building with an area of about 3 thousand square meters and 2 land plots were put under the operational control of the Southern Customs Directorate. However, the investigation revealed that the cost of the acquired property was artificially overstated by about 85 million rubles allocated from the federal budget. The perpetrators disposed the stolen money at their own discretion.

The suspects have been detained and in the near future they will be charged by an investigator of the Moscow Investigative Department for Air and Water Transport and a preventive measure will be chosen for them.

The criminal investigation continues.

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