

Investigation completed against a number of accomplices in the theft of funds from DS-Bank



The Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia has finished an investigation into a probe against a number of accomplices in the theft of funds from DS-Bank. The defendants include the bank's de facto owner Ildar Klebleev, proxies of the bank's owners Vitaly Vergizov and Anastasia Toruteva, and former chairman of the bank's board Svetlana Egorova. Depending on their respective roles, they are charged with offences under Paragraphs A and B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 and Part 4 of Article 160 of the Criminal Code (money laundering or property acquired by a person through the commission of an offence).

It has been established that Ildar Klebleev and Shahid Ismailov, without being members of the management bodies of DS-Bank and without holding any positions in it, formed an organised group consisting of their trusted assistants Vergizov and Toruteva, former chairman of the board Egorova and other persons with the purpose of stealing the bank's funds. In 2015-2016, the accomplices transferred all funds in the correspondent account of DS-Bank in the amount of 585 mln rubles to

the accounts of the one-day firms under their control under the guise of issuing loans. They used at least 350 mln rubles of the stolen funds to acquire a 100% stake in Eurostandard CB.

In April-July 2020, nine accomplices were found guilty of embezzling money from DS-Bank and sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 4 to 8.5 years by the Moscow Tagansky District Court.

Following the conviction, another probe was initiated against Egorova, Vergizov, Klebleyev and Ismailov for money laundering, which they had acquired through the theft from DS-Bank by purchasing shares in the share capital of Eurostandard.

The investigation has gathered sufficient evidence and the probe against Egorova, Vergizov, Klebleyev and Torutayeva has been referred for approval of the indictment and the subsequent transfer to the court.

Shakhid Ismailov, the de facto owner of the bank, being on the international wanted list, is detained in the Republic of Montenegro. His extradition to the Russian Federation has been requested.

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