
In Orenburg and Vologda Regions, the investigation into stealing of funds from orphan and disabled children completed



The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation carries out systematic work to protect the rights and freedoms of socially vulnerable citizens: pensioners, veterans, orphans and children left without parental care, who because of the crimes committed or because of life circumstances cannot assert their legal rights.

Thus, the Orenburg Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia completed an investigation into two criminal cases involving 42 and 35-year-old residents of Orenburg, each of whom was charged with committing crimes under Part 3, Article 159 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (large scale fraud committed by a group of individuals by prior conspiracy); Part 4, Article 159 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (large scale fraud committed by a group of individuals by prior conspiracy); and Part 2, Article 159 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (fraud committed by a group of individuals by prior

conspiracy). Paragraphs C, D of Part 3 of Article 158 of the Criminal Code (theft committed on a large scale by a group of persons by prior conspiracy from a bank account); Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (theft committed on an especially large scale by a group of persons by prior conspiracy from a bank account).

The investigation found that the criminal group, which in addition to the accused included 5 other people, during the period from July to October 2019, by deception of minors classified as "orphans and children left without parental care," stole money belonging to them, placed in bank accounts.

During the investigation of the criminal case were established facts of thefts in the amount of more than 10 million rubles, 13 minors were recognized as victims of the case. In connection with the conclusion of pre-trial agreements on cooperation with two of the defendants the criminal cases against them were allocated to complete the investigation in separate proceedings and sent for decision on the approval of the indictments.

As part of the investigation, the damage caused by the crimes to minors was fully compensated. However, at the request of the investigator the property of the accused was seized.

The Volgograd Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia completed the investigation of the criminal case against a 29-year-old resident of the Republic of Dagestan. He is accused of committing a crime under Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (fraud committed on a large scale).

According to investigators, in October 2018 and June 2019 the perpetrator through the administration of Kamyshinsky municipal district formalized guardianship over eight children of the state specialized institution "Petrovval boarding house for mentally retarded children", thus obtaining the right to actually dispose of the property of incapacitated minors with the status of "left without parental care". First of all, as investigators believe, the man was interested in the children's accounts which by that time contained a total of almost 8 million rubles accumulated from the monthly social pensions and other payments.

The investigator went to his motherland together with the children, where he cashed the money belonging to them. At the same time, as investigators discovered, the perpetrator did not intend to fulfill his duties or even live with the children of Volgograd - he preferred to live with his family separately, while regularly receiving payments from the federal budget for each child.

Thanks to the measures taken, the decision to place the children in the custody of the accused was reversed by the administration. Immediately after the initiation of criminal proceedings, an investigative group consisting of investigators from the third department for particularly important cases and criminal investigators from the regional department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation were sent to Dagestan. In addition, a special commission comprised of employees of the prevention system went there as well. Former pupils of the orphanage were

withdrawn and returned to the social institution. The reason for the initiation of criminal proceedings served materials provided by operatives of the FSS of Russia in Volgograd region, as well as the results of the inspection conducted by the Prosecutor's Office of Volgograd region. By taking preventive measures were dismissed from their posts the director of the social institution and the head of the district department of the guardianship authority.

At present the investigation has been completed. The criminal case was sent for approval of the indictment and subsequent transfer to court.

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