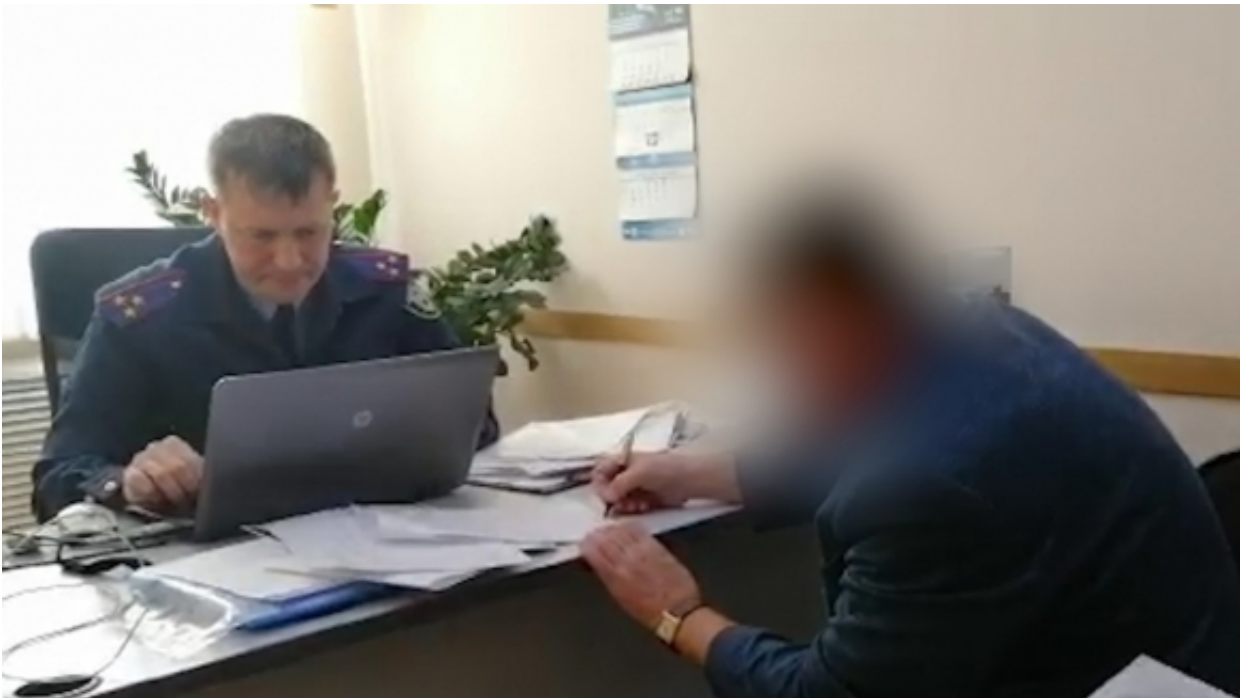


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**In the Kemerovo region, a criminal case was initiated into negligence of employees of the Belovsky territorial department of Rostekhnadzor**



Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass continues to investigate the causes and circumstances of the tragedy at the Listvyazhnaya mine. A probe is launched against two chief state inspectors of the Belovo territorial office of the Siberian Department of Rostekhnadzor suspected of committing a crime under Part 3 of Article 293 of the Criminal Code of Russia (negligence resulting in death of two or more persons by negligence).

According to investigators, the suspects improperly performed their duties of supervising industrial safety requirements at a hazardous production facility in November this year. It was found that the inspectors had drawn up inspection certificates for the drift without actually inspecting it.

At present, investigations are under way with the detainees; they will be charged in the near future, and the issue of placing them in custody is being decided upon.

In the course of the investigation, a large number of various documents and electronic media that may be relevant to the criminal case are seized, witnesses, including engineers and technicians, are

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being questioned and searches are taking place.

A complex of investigative activities is being carried out in order to establish all circumstances, causes, and conditions of the incident.

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