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## **The investigation of two criminal cases of corruption of officials of subdivisions of the Federal Customs Service of Russia completed**



The Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia has completed investigative actions in the criminal case against Ildar Saidov, former head of the Astrakhan customs of the Southern Customs Directorate of the Federal Customs Service of Russia. He is accused of committing offenses under Part 1 of Article 286 (abuse of power), Part 6 of Article 290 (taking bribes on a large scale) of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

It was established that in 2020 Saidov received 2.1 million rubles from the representative of LLC Sun Light Astrakhan Jivanshir Mamedov through intermediaries - the head of the Astrakhan customs post of Astrakhan Customs Maxim Gorbatov and the first deputy head of the Astrakhan Customs Oleg Galichkin. The money was transferred for the performance of actions in favor of the named organization aimed at ensuring the conditions for the unimpeded performance of customs operations in respect of goods located in the area of responsibility of the temporary storage warehouses of LLC

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Sun Light-Astrakhan, as well as for the general patronage of commercial activities of this company.

In addition, in 2018 Saidov, while the court was considering an administrative offence case on non-compliance with the customs procedure of the Allianz-Shipping Ship Repair Enterprise LLC, exceeding his official authority, acting in the interests of the owner of the arrested vessel Henrikh Hasanov, allowed its departure from the port to Iran.

At present, the defendant has begun to familiarize himself with the materials of the criminal case, after which it will be sent to court.

In addition, the Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia has completed the investigation of the criminal case against Oleg Gusev, former head of the customs control department of the St. Petersburg customs office of the FCS of Russia and Maxim Mamchur, deputy head of the department - head of the customs control after release of goods service of the FCS of Russia. They are both charged with committing a crime under Part 6 of Article 290 of the Criminal Code (large-scale bribery through an intermediary), but Mamchur - in absentia, as he is listed on the international wanted list. Also, the court chose a measure of restraint in the form of detention in respect of the defendants (with regard to Mamchur - in absentia).

The investigation found that the general director of LLC "Taller" from December 2018 to January 2019 in St. Petersburg through two intermediaries transferred to Gusev and Mamchur as a bribe in the amount of 20 million rubles for the termination of customs control measures in relation to the legal entity.

Gusev began to get acquainted with the materials of the criminal case.

Combating corruption remains one of the priorities of the Investigative Committee. Alexander Bastrykin, Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia, in his interview published by Interfax and Rossiyskaya Gazeta, stressed that "the fight against corruption is carried out consistently and systematically. It encompasses a broad range of measures - from improving legislation and the activities of law enforcement and oversight agencies to raising people's intolerance for any such behavior. [Read more about the specific results of work to combat corrupt practices, as well as proposals for the improvement of existing legislation in this area in the interview with the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia A. Bastrykin.](#)

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