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## **In the Orenburg region the criminal investigation into five perpetrators accused of multiple thefts of money from orphans completed**



The Orenburg Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia have completed the investigation of a criminal case against five perpetrators. Depending on the role and involvement of each, they are charged with the commission of crimes under Paragraphs C, D of Article 158 of the Criminal Code (theft committed by a group of persons by prior conspiracy from a bank account, on a large scale), Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 158 of the Criminal Code (theft committed by a group of persons by prior conspiracy from a bank account, on an especially large scale), Part 3 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (fraud committed by a group of persons by prior conspiracy, using their official position, on a large scale), Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (fraud committed by a group of persons by prior conspiracy, on a large scale).

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The investigation found that during the period from July to October 2019 a criminal group, which consisted of 7 people, including a police officer and a bank employee, stole money belonging to orphans and children left without parental care, placed in bank accounts, by deceiving minors belonging to the category.

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 by two of the defendants the criminal cases against them were previously transferred to a separate investigation and are currently being considered by the court on the merits.

As part of the investigation, at the initiative of the management of the financial and credit institution the property damage suffered by the victims was fully compensated by the bank.

In turn, the financial institution, as part of the investigation, filed a civil claim against the accused in the full amount of the damage caused.

At the request of the investigator the property of the accused was seized, including cars, immovable property and cash in bank accounts, in order to secure the court's sentence.

The criminal case was forwarded for a decision on the approval of the indictment.

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