
The investigation into the criminal case against three people accused of stealing the property of the actor Alexey Batalov's family completed.



The Moscow Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia have completed the investigation of the criminal case against Mikhail Tsivin and Natalia Drozhzhina, accused of committing a crime under Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (fraud committed by a group of persons by prior collusion, in especially large amounts with deprivation of the citizen's right to housing), as well as notary public of Moscow Dmitry Bubly, accused of committing crimes under Part 5 of Article 33, Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code (aiding and abetting fraud committed by a group of persons by prior collusion, in especially large amounts with deprivation of the citizen's right to living quarters), Part 1 of Article 202 of the Criminal Code (abuse of authority by a private notary).

This criminal case was initiated upon instruction of A.I. Bastrykin, Chairman of the Investigative Committee of Russia, after the situation with the property of the Batalov family had been reported in the media. According to the investigation, Tsivin and Drozhzhina gained confidence in the widow of actor Alexey Batalov and his young daughter under the pretext of providing them with support and assistance. For several years, in order to create an image of decency and the presence of sincere intentions of care, they helped with household issues, as well as the provision of basic necessities and food. Subsequently, having achieved a relationship of trust, the defendants fraudulently signed powers of attorney in order to steal the money and property of the victims to dispose of all the funds in their checking accounts. On the basis of these documents, in 2019-2020, they withdrew almost all of the victims' savings in the total amount of more than 20 million rubles. In addition, in order to acquire the right to the victims' real property, namely a share in an apartment on Serafimovich Street, an apartment located in 1st Samotechny Lane, as well as non-residential premises where the studio of actor Alexey Batalov was located, they signed agreements with the victims for life maintenance with dependency, which were further certified by notary Dmitry Buble, previously known to the accused, in violation of the established procedure for notarizing transactions.

In the course of joint work of the investigators of the Moscow Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia and operative officers a significant amount of investigative and procedural actions were carried out, a significant number of witnesses from among the relatives and friends of the victims as well as other persons were established and questioned. Their testimony confirmed the fact of intentional actions of the couple who tried to make it appear that the actions carried out were legal and the absence of criminal intentions. The investigation also gathered irrefutable evidence pointing to the commission of the crimes by the notary in Moscow, who signed the agreements for life maintenance in the absence of the victims. Together with other evidence, the investigation gathered sufficient evidence to expose the accused of the incriminated criminal acts.

The criminal case was referred for a decision on the subsequent transfer to the court for consideration on the merits.

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