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## **In Nizhny Novgorod region, a former policeman accused of swindling over 13 million rubles to stand trial**

The Nizhny Novgorod Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia completed investigation of a criminal case against a former police district commissioner for crimes under Part 4 of article 159 of the Criminal Code (large-scale fraud - 9 episodes), Paragraph A of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code (legalization), Part 2 of Article 325 of the Criminal Code (theft of official documents - 2 episodes), Part 1 of Article 292 of the Criminal Code (forgery in office - 2 cases), Part 1 of art. Article 286 (abuse of authority).

According to the investigation, in 2015, the accused, being a divisional commissioner of the police department No. 3 in Nizhny Novgorod, the Department of Internal Affairs of Nizhny Novgorod, became a member of a stable criminal group, which included a real estate agent, previously convicted citizens, as well as other persons. Over a long period of time the members of the organized group committed grave crimes, namely, by fraud they acquired the rights to apartments of lonely and deceased citizens for their further resale. Using the same scheme with the use of forged documents, notarial powers of attorney, sales contracts and court decisions, in 2017-2019 they illegally acquired the rights to 8 apartments located on the territory of Leninsky and Soviet district of the regional center. The damage from these actions exceeded 13.5 million rubles.

The accused was dismissed from the internal affairs bodies. He pleaded guilty to the incriminated acts.

Currently, the criminal case with the approved indictment was sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

In addition, the criminal case against three members of the organized group is already being considered in court, the criminal case against the real estate agent is at the final stage of investigation, and the organizer of the criminal group was placed on the federal wanted list.

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