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## **In Volgograd Region, the investigation of a criminal case of illegal banking and money laundering completed**

The Volgograd Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia completed an investigation into a criminal case against three members of an organized group suspected of committing a crime under Paragraphs A, B of Part 2 of Article 172 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (carrying out banking activities without registration or special permission, committed by an organized group, associated with the derivation of income on a particularly large scale). In addition, the actions of one of them were qualified under Part 1 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code (legalization of funds obtained as a result of illegal banking activities).

According to investigators, in the spring of 2019, four Volgograd residents organized on the territory of the region illegal banking activities, for the implementation of which they used details and seals of fictitious organizations. "Earnings" of accomplices were at least 13% of the amount of the "order" of the client - if, according to preliminary calculations, the income of the organized group for a year and a half exceeded 9 million rubles, the turnover of funds taken out from under state control was more than 100 million rubles.

Investigators also found that the organizer of the criminal group legalized part of the criminal proceeds - he purchased securities, which he later sold, for almost half a million rubles through a brokerage account.

Due to the fact that one of the accomplices fully pleaded guilty to the crime and entered into a pre-trial cooperation agreement, the criminal case against him was processed separately and sent to court in August of this year.

Criminal activities of shadow bankers was stopped in November last year as a result of coordinated work of investigators of the regional department of the Investigative Committee, as well as the FSS of Russia in the Volgograd Region.

To date the investigation is complete. The criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

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