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## **In Samara, investigators of the regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia initiated a criminal case for the organization of a criminal association and participation in it**

The Samara Regional Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia initiated criminal proceedings against the organizer and 11 members of the criminal association. Depending on the role of each of them, they are suspected of committing the crimes provided for by Paragraphs A, B of Part 2 of Article 172 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (illegal banking activities carried out by an organized group with the extraction of income in an especially large amount), Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code (legalization (laundering) of money or other property acquired by a person as a result of a crime committed in an especially large amount), Part 2 of Article 187 (unlawful turnover of payment facilities committed by an organized group), Part 1, Part 2 article 210 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (organization of a criminal community and participation in it).

During the investigation of the criminal case established the facts of organization of the main suspect, who is a lawyer, a criminal association for committing crimes in the field of economic activity. According to the investigation, in 2016, the suspect created a criminal community in order to commit serious crimes, developed the structure of the criminal organization, as well as a plan for committing crimes. According to the investigation, the criminal organization consisted of at least 12 residents of the city of Togliatti.

Between 2016 and 2019, members of the criminal group produced forged payment orders for the transfer of funds from the bank accounts of these firms to the accounts of other controlled organizations through companies registered to front men who were not actually engaged in business activities. In order to create the appearance of legitimacy of funds transfer, deliberately false information about the grounds for payment was entered into the payment orders. The investigation revealed 47 episodes of this criminal activity.

As a result of committing crimes at least 1.5 billion rubles were transferred to the bank accounts of organizations controlled by the members of the criminal organization and the members of the organized criminal organization received illegal income of at least 150 million rubles. Proceeds from criminal activity in the amount of not less than 50 million rubles were used for the construction of buildings on the territory of Togliatti city in order to give a legal appearance to their possession, use and disposal. These properties were also subsequently registered to an organization affiliated with the suspect.

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At present, the investigation is carrying out a set of investigative activities aimed to establish all circumstances of the incident.

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