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## **Investigative Committee Chairman Orders to File Report on Criminal Case Regarding Violation of Orphans' Rights in Zabaykalsky Krai That Ended in Acquittal**



According to the media reports, the court has acquitted the acting director of the Center for Servicing, Maintenance and Sale of State Property of Zabaykalsky Krai, who failed to carry out the necessary procurement procedures in a timely manner, which led to the fact that orphans could not get the housing they were legally entitled to. As one of the victims claims, applications for auctions for some months of 2019 and 2020 were not submitted at all, despite the fact that the official had 532 million rubles at her disposal, some of which remained unspent. The investigative authorities of the IC of Russia for Zabaykalsky Krai initiated a criminal case on negligence (Part 1 of Article 293 of the Criminal Code of Russia). According to the investigators, as a result of improper performance of duties, the official did not use about 38 million rubles, which could have been spent to purchase about 25 apartments for orphans. 28 people were recognized as victims.

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Despite the evidence that was collected by the investigators and served as a basis for approving the indictment and filing the criminal case for consideration with the court, the court ruled that there was no criminal culpability in the defendant's actions.

Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation Alexander Bastrykin ordered Acting Head of the Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for Zabaykalsky Krai I.V. Kolesnichenko to study the circumstances that justified the acquittal and provide a detailed report.

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