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## **Investigation of Criminal Case on Fraud Committed on Especially Large Scale Completed in Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)**

The Department for the Investigation of Particularly Important Cases of the Investigative Department of the IC of Russia for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) has completed the investigation of a criminal case against the former chief accountant of production cooperative Artel Starateley Plamya. She is accused of committing crimes under Part 4 of Article 159 of the Criminal Code of Russia (fraud), Paragraph B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia (money legalization (laundering)).

According to the investigators, in 2015, the defendant holding the position of chief accountant at production cooperative Artel Starateley Plamya entered into a collusive agreement with a tax service employee and then stole more than 131 million rubles of budget funds by means of illegal refunds under the guise of allegedly overpaid taxes. Subsequently, through conducting financial transactions, she legalized these funds and disposed of them at her discretion.

Once the indictment is handed over to the defendant, the criminal case will be sent to the Neryungrinsky City Court of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) for hearing on the merits.

The criminal case against the former tax service employee has been separated into a different procedure due to her being on the international wanted list.

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