
Investigation of Criminal Cases on Charges of Committing Several Corruption Crimes Against Two Local Residents Completed in Yakutia

The Second 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 two criminal cases on charges against two persons for participation in a criminal organization, fraud committed on an especially large scale, creation of organizations registered to straw persons, and legalization of funds on an especially large scale (Part 2 of Article 210, Paragraph B of Part 2 of Article 173.1, Part 4 of Article 159, Paragraphs A, B of Part 4 of Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code).

The investigators have found that in the period from June 2017 to August 2020, the director general of the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) created a criminal organization consisting of her deputy and seven other people. The foundation director organized them into four separate criminal groups, after which the criminal organization participants created legal entities registered to straw persons.

The investigators have found that the defendants used forged documents to receive 66 fictitious loans from the State Support Fund totaling over 177 million rubles, thereby stealing the money intended to support businesses (including during the coronavirus pandemic). Subsequently, they legalized these funds and disposed of them at their discretion.

Currently, indictments in criminal cases against two members of the criminal organization have been approved and the cases have been filed for trial. The investigation of the criminal case against the founder and other members of the criminal organization is close to completion.

Based on the materials of the inspection conducted by the Prosecutor's Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the republic, criminal cases have been initiated. Among others, operational support for the criminal cases was carried out by the Federal Security Service Department.

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