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## **Mr. Sergey Kharlashkin and Mr. Vyacheslav Urusov are indicted**



The Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation is investigating a criminal case on abuse of power by Officials of the St. Petersburg State Institution "Directorate of Transport Construction" and the Committee for the Development of Transport Infrastructure of St. Petersburg.

The investigation identified, that in 2015 the committee concluded a state contract with OAO Metrostroy for the construction of facilities for the Krasnoselsko-Kalininskaya line of the St. Petersburg Metro. The contract was concluded under a bank guarantee issued by Rosselkhozbank JSC.

The functions of control and supervision over the construction and targeted spending of funds on the contract were carried out by the committee, and later - by the State Institution "Directorate of Transport Construction".

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Mr. Vyacheslav Urusov, Head of the Directorate, and Mr. Sergey Kharlashkin, at that time held the position of Chairman of the Committee for the Development of Transport Infrastructure of the City of St. Petersburg, being aware of the unsatisfactory financial situation of Metrostroy OJSC, allowed the mentioned organization to use the advance payments, received under a government contract, inappropriately - to pay off the debts to third parties. Such actions on their part are nothing else but overstepping of their powers and a violation of the bank guarantee agreement.

As a result, Metrostroy OJSC did not fulfill its obligations stipulated in the contract in full, disrupting the construction of a socially significant object of the city's transport infrastructure, and the bank reimbursed the committee more than 1.4 billion rubles in accordance with a bank guarantee. Thus, as a result of the unlawful actions of the accomplices, the interests of society and the state were significantly violated, and the bank suffered material damage.

Mr. Urusov and Mr. Kharlashkin were detained and charged with exceeding official powers, which entailed grave consequences (paragraph “c”, Part 3, Article 286 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).

The investigation petitions to impose a pre-trial restrain as custody for the accused.

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