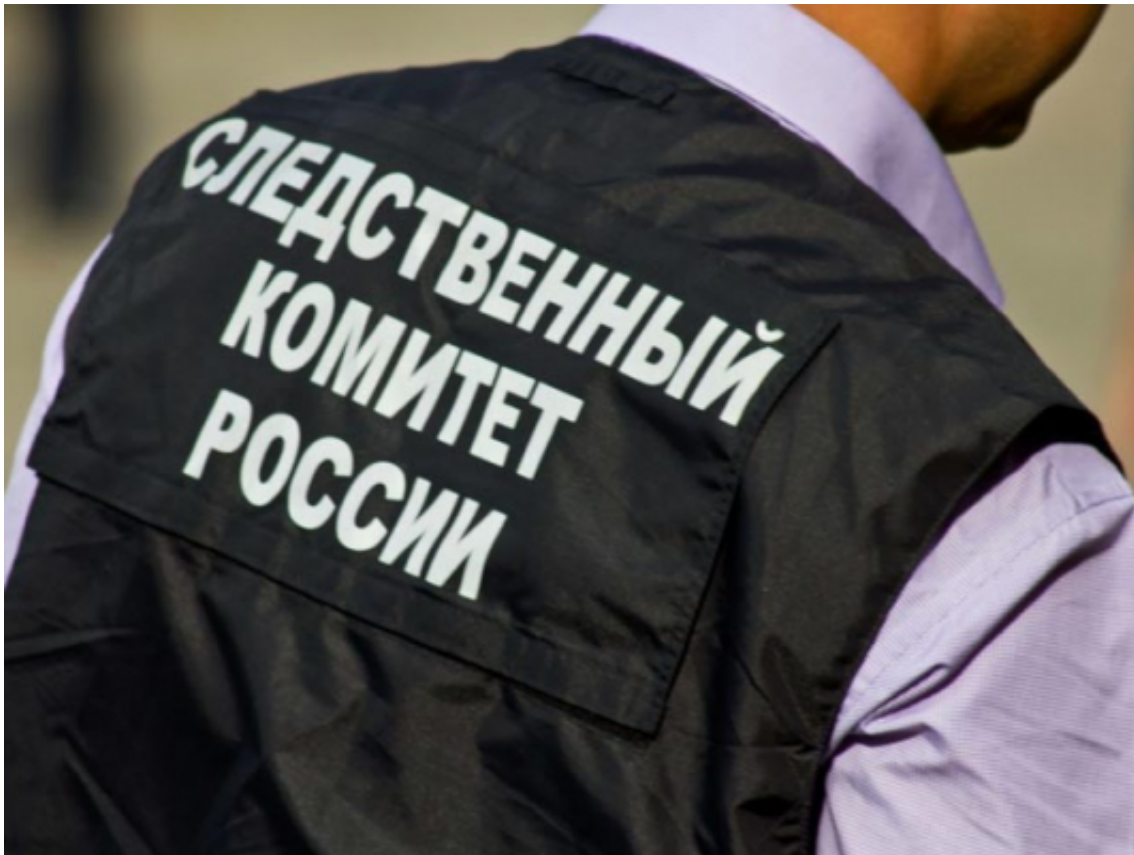

Criminal investigation against the former Heads of the Penza branch of Rosselkhozbank JSC is finalized



The Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia has finalized the criminal investigation against former CEO of the Penza regional branch of Rosselkhozbank JSC, Mr. Sergey Kochergin, and Head of the financial Monitoring Department of the mentioned branch of the bank, Ms. Olga Tamashina. Mr. Kochergin is charged with committing crimes prescribed in Part 3, Article 285, paragraph "c" Part 5, Article 290 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (abuse of power and taking a bribe), Ms. Tamashina is charged in accordance with Part 1, Article 285 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation.

According to Investigators, in 2017 Mr. Kochergin received a bribe in the form of real estate piece from the Head of the "financial pyramid" LLC "Invest-Garant" for the unimpeded maintenance of the bank account of this organization in a unit controlled by him and the refusal to comply with the requirements of the Bank of Russia to take measures to prevent dubious client operations. Ms.

Tamashina, abusing her powers, prepared letters to the Bank of Russia with false information about the positive results of the audits carried out in relation to "Invest-Garant" LLC.

As a result of the untimely termination of the "financial pyramid" activity by the Penza regional branch of Rosselkhozbank JSC, at least 179 lenders of Invest-Garant LLC suffered damage in the total amount of more than 165 million rubles.

Despite the fact that the defendants did not admit their guilt, sufficient evidence was collected during the investigation, confirming the guilt of Mr. Kochergin and Ms. Tamashina, so the criminal case was sent to court for further consideration.

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