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## **Nine members of the criminal community will stand trial on charges of maternity capital funds embezzlement in the amount of more than 420 million rubles in the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania**

The Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania has finalized the criminal investigation against nine members of a criminal organization aged 41 to 65, four of which are women. Depending on the role of each, they are accused of committing crimes prescribed in Part 2, Article 210 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (participation in a criminal community created for the joint commission of several serious crimes), Part 4, Article 159.2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (fraud in receiving payments, committed by an organized group, on an especially large scale) and Part 3, Article 174.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (legalization of funds or other property acquired by a person as a result of committing a crime).

According to the Investigation, between September 2010 and May 2012, one of the Accused created and directly led a criminal community on the territory of the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic and the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania, the criminal community was created in order to steal maternity capital funds (Federal subsidies for multiple-child families). During the specified period of time, the Defendants entered into more than 340 imaginary transactions with the holders of certificates for maternity family capital on behalf of the consumer cooperative; the subject of the transaction was the provision of targeted cash loans to them for the purchase and construction of housing with the simultaneous creation of obviously non-existent accounts payable by such citizens. In the future, in order to pay off accounts payable, State funds were illegally withdrawn from the Federal Budget by transferring them to the settlement account of the Cooperative that allegedly issued such loans. In fact, the Holders of the certificates were not members of the Cooperative and were not issued targeted loans for the purchase and construction of housing. More than 420 million rubles were embezzled from budget funds as a result of the unlawful actions of the Defendants.

The unlawful activities of the Accused were stopped thanks to the well-planned and conducted joint investigative and operational measures by the Investigators of the Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of Russia and the Operative-investigative Officers of the regional FSB, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for North Caucasus Federal Okrug. Documents and objects of significant importance in the criminal case were seized during the searches conducted in the households and the premises rented by the Accused.

The Investigation collected enough evidence, in connection with which the criminal case with the

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approved indictment was submitted to the Court for consideration on the merits.

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