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## **In Moscow officials of Federal State Property Management Agency suspected of commercial bribery**

The Investigative Department for Central Federal District continues investigation into the criminal case against head of Department of Property Relations “FT-Center” Timur Kashalov, Deputy Head of Information Policy Department of the Federal State Property Management Agency (Rosimushchestvo) Vladimir Pinigin, Deputy Head of the Company “FT-Center” Anvar Rustamov. They are accused of the commercial bribery (article 204 of the Russian Criminal Code).

Investigators together with field officers of the Interior Ministry Department for Central Federal District have established that at the end of January 2012, representative of OOO Inprom (Ltd.) asked Deputy Head of Information Policy Department of the Federal State Property Management Agency Pinigin to assist the commercial organization to purchase federal immovable property in charge of FT-Center subordinate to Rosimushchestvo.

After that Pinigin during his meeting with Inprom representative told him about him being acquainted with high-ranking officials in FT-Center - Rustamov and Kashapov. He offered for a fee to assist in bribing them to guarantee a victory of Inprom in a real estate auction. These persons agreed on 17 million rubles as a bribe, 2 millions were supposed to be a fee for Pinigin.

During several more meetings Pinigin made illegal demands to the Inprom representatives, designating the way of handing the money. At the end of February this year, Pinigin in his Rosimushchestvo working office illegally received from Inprom representatives 1 million rubles as part of the said sum. Later Kashapov, in the beginning of March, met with the Inprom Director and demanded to transfer him on the same day 13 million rubles for the illegal services for the said company. Immediately after that, the company director, acting as part of the search and investigation operation, gave 13 million rubles in one of the Moscow banks to the delegate of the officials. After that, the officials were detained by the officers of the Interior Ministry Department for Central Federal District.

Under the motion filed by the investigators, the accused are out into custody. In its decision on such restraint, the court agreed with the arguments of the investigators that it was necessary to check whether the members of this criminal group were involved in other similar crimes in the Russian Federation, information of which the investigators have.

Simultaneously, the investigators are checking the circumstances under which the accused and their

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family members obtained extra income, numerous and expensive objects of immovable property in Moscow, and automobiles with quite modest family budget.

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