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## **Another criminal case opened against Oleg Smirnov**

The Central Investigative Department of the Russian IC has opened a criminal case against Oleg Smirnov for the crime under part 4 of article 160 of the Russian Criminal Code (stealing of other people's property on a large scale).

The investigation has established that Smirnov being a CEO of OOO Torginvest (Ltd.) in Moscow in late December 2008 with intention to steal other people's property entrusted to him, by means of misappropriation on a large scale, transferred at a counterfeit payment order more than 180 million rubles from Torginvest settlement account to his settlement account opened in Tiraspol BussinesInvestBank.

According to the investigation, Smirnov put deliberately false information into the section of a billing document: "payment on contract of assignment of 04.04.2008". He knew that there was no such contract, and the money received by this criminal action would be stolen and spent at his own discretion.

As a result of above criminal actions Smirnov has committed stealing by means of misappropriation of Torginvest property entrusted to him worth 186,120,000 rubles, that is on a large scale and causing property damage to Torginvest Company worth the same sum.

Wishing to avoid criminal responsibility for his crimes Smirnov escaped the pre-investigative authorities and is now out of the Russian Federation. The investigation is planning in the near future through Interpol to put him on an international wanted list.

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