
Criminal case against a group distributing drugs completed in Saint-Petersburg

Saint-Petersburg Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has completed investigation against Mikhail Vinnikov, 33, Ruslan Trifonov, 31, and Stepan Gerasimov, 34. Depending on the criminal role of each one, they are charged with crimes under parts 1 and 2 of article 210, paragraph "a" of part 3 of article 228-1, part 1 of article 30, paragraphs "a, d" of part 3 of article 228-1, part 3 of article 223 of the RF Criminal Code (organization of a criminal community, membership in it, illegal handling of firearms and narcotics).

According to investigators, in October 2005 Kleymenov and Filippov who had been sentenced earlier to long prison terms, with the intention to unite under their leadership persons engaged in drug dealing in saint-Petersburg, to commit serious and especially serious directed on illegal drug dealing on large and especially large scale, created in Saint-Petersburg a criminal community. They worked out a plan and scheme of its operation, the subordination system, clear distribution of roles among the members, disguise and personally headed the group which existed up to November 2006.

Vinnikov was a head of one of subdivisions of the criminal community. He received large batches of drugs and involved ordinary dealers. Saksonov, a criminal case against whom is severed into a separate lawsuit in connection with a pre-trial cooperation deal he concluded with investigators, Trofonov and Gerasimov as well received large batches of drugs, distributed, packed up and transferred them to other members of organized criminal groups to sell. The money from selling drugs they gave to Filippov and Kleymenov for the needs of the group.

Investigators have collected enough evidence and the case is forwarded for the indictment to be approved and later to court to be tried on the merits.

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