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## **Chief of investigating office in Krasnogorsk detained on suspicion on bribe-taking**

The Moscow Region investigating bodies of Russia's Investigative Committee have initiated a criminal case against Chief of Krasnogorsk investigating office of the Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate Colonel of Justice Alexander Gubanov suspected of crimes under part 6 of article 290 (bribe-taking on especially large scale) and against a Moscow resident suspected of a crime under part 4 of article 291-1 of the RF Criminal Code (mediation of especially large scale bribe-taking).

According to investigators the Krasnogorsk investigating office was inquiring into a criminal case opened over falsification of single state register of legal entities with the intention of raid take-over of a residential block. In December 2011 Gubanov demanded from executive director of a commercial organization a bribe of 700 thousand rubles monthly for taking measures in the investigation in the interest of the said executive director. He agreed and formally on the instructions from Gorbunov employed a number of his agents to whom he paid in the period between December 2011 and February 2012 2 million rubles covered as salary payments, but in fact transferred then to Gubanov.

In addition, in the period between June and July of 2012 Gubanov repeatedly demanded from CEO of the company a bribe of 5 million USD for taking measures in the investigation, threatening that otherwise the case would be wrapped up making possible the take-over of the residential block.

The businessman turned to the Inner Security Department of the Russia's Investigative Committee and subsequent meetings were controlled by officials of Inner Security Service of SK and field officers of FSB.

On 10 July 2012, the CEO gave to the mediator 50 thousand USD and replicas of 950 thousand USD after which the mediator was detained. He agreed to participate in search and investigation operations and the same day in his own car in Krasnogorsk handed over to Geubanov the received money after which Gubanov was detained as well.

In the near future investigators are going to request to take Gubanov and his associate under arrest. Investigation is to be continued.

Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation has always responded quickly and firmly to every

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violation of the law, including corruption among its officials, independent of ranks, positions and past merits. This is the principle position of the leadership of the Russia's Investigative Committee which give us not only lawful but moral right to respond as severely to any facts of corruption among state officials and other employees of law enforcement bodies.

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