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## **Criminal case initiated in Saint-Petersburg against policemen for over 40 million rubles bribery**

Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has initiated a criminal case against Chief of Control and Revision Department of Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region Main Directorate of Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs Alexey Seredinin. He is suspected of a crime under part 6 of article 290 of RF Criminal Code (bribe-taking by an official on especially large scale).

According to investigators, in December 2010, Seredinin knowing for sure that top management of a commercial organization was concerned about criminal prosecution from their lenders, offered director of this organization general patronage for a bribe of 40 million rubles, and to assist refusals to initiate criminal cases based on files of checks if such documents were filed in his department. Having received a positive answer from the director of the company, Seredinin involved Alexey Smirnov as a mediator and through him received the said sum in the period between February and July 2011.

At present Seredinin is in hospital, therefore the question of his detention will be solved after evaluation of his health state.

A criminal case was opened against Smirnov as well, on signs of a crime under part 4 of article 291.1 of RF Criminal Code (mediation in bribe-taking) and he was detained. The question of his being taken into custody and official charges is being negotiated. Investigation of criminal cases is to be continued.

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