
Alexey Navalny charged with organization of embezzlement of Kirovles property

On 31 July Main Investigation directorate of Russia's Investigative Committee charged the lawyer Alexey Navalny with a crime under part 3 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 of RF Criminal Code (organization of embezzlement on especially large scale).

According to the investigators, Alexey Navalny, being an honorary advisor to the Kirov region Governor organized stealing of property from Kirov region state unitary institution "Kirovles" entering a conspiracy with Director of OOO Vyatskaya Timber Company (LC) Pyotr Ofitserov and CEO of Kirovles Vyacheslav Opalev. Investigators believe that in the period between May and September 2009 more than 10 thousand cubic meters of Kirovles timber was stolen. Thus, the Kirov Region budget sustained a damage of more than 16 million rubles.

At first the criminal case against Alexey Navalny and Pyotr Ofitserov was initiated on the signs of a crime under part of article 165 of RF Criminal Code (infliction of property damage by deceit or breach of trust). After the case had been passed on for further investigation to Main Investigation Directorate of SKR, investigators received results of economic expertise and materials of search and investigation operations, proving Navalny's involvement in the crime under part 3 of article 33 and part 4 of article 160 of RF Criminal Code (organization of embezzlement on especially large scale).

Alexey Navalny is under a written undertaking no to leave the city.

In the near future investigators are planning to bring charges against two other suspects – Pyotr Ofitserov and Vyacheslav Opalev.

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