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## **In the Volgograd region, the prisoners, presenting themselves as employees of the Investigative Committee of Russia, will be brought to trial on charges of fraud against the heads of municipalities in the five subjects**

Investigating authorities of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation in the Volgograd region have completed the investigation of a criminal case against Igor Kobets and Vitaly Lustenko. They are accused of committing five episodes of crimes under Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (fraud committed by an organized group) and six episodes of crimes under part 3 of Article 30 and Part 4 of Article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (attempt at fraud committed by an organized group).

According to investigators, from July to September 2011 the defendants serving a sentence of the previously committed crimes in a penal colony number 5 of the Rostov region, called the heads of municipal districts of the Krasnodar territory, the Volgograd, Rostov, Astrakhan and Ryazan regions, and presenting themselves as chiefs of investigation departments of the Investigative Committee of the specified subjects and their assistants, required to transfer from 200 to 300 thousand rubles to a certain bank card. In return, they promised not to take steps to verify the alleged negative information in respect of officials. These calls were received by 11 heads of district administrations, five of them transferred the required sums totaling to 1.4 million rubles.

In the course of a criminal investigation a legal assessment of the actions of heads of municipal districts having transferred money resources has been given. Recommendations to eliminate the causes and conditions that facilitate the commission of a crime have been addressed to governors of the specified subjects.

The criminal case against unidentified persons cashing the money, transferred by officials has been separated.

The investigators have collected sufficient evidence for which reason a criminal case with the approved indictment is sent to the court for consideration on the merits.

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