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## **Former Head of Borodinsky village convicted**

The court recognized evidence collected by Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee as sufficient to convict Maya Sklyueva, former Head of Borodinsky village of Mozhaysky district, Moscow Region. She was found guilty of crimes under part 2 of article 286 (exceeding official powers) and part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling on a grant scale). In addition, her husband Sergey, her mother Raisa Gavva and real estate agent Alexander Gritskevich were also found guilty of swindling.

According to investigators, Sklyueva made an illegal decision to change the type of allowed use of 10 plots in Borodinsky village. As a result, 38 ha of land intended for agricultural purposes were transformed into plots for building summer cottages.

On the initiative of the Russia's Investigative Committee the plots on the lands of a natural reserve – there were about 50 of them - where the summer cottages were illegally built were arrested and the building there suspended. The results of the inquiry allowed in the framework of the separate civil action reach a court ruling over demolition of the illegally constructed cottages. At present the ruling has already entered into force and is under execution.

In all, investigators have established facts of illegal transfer for construction 10 plots in the territory of museum-reserve Borodino. Within the framework of this investigation unique examinations were carried out – land survey and historic and cultural. Their results confirmed confines of the reserve, current special regime of its keeping, establishing distortion of historic landscapes and illegality of building resulted from Sklyueva's actions.

In addition, Sklyueva forged certificates of registration of ownership for 4 plots located in the village of Borodinskoye registering two of them in the names of local residents and two more in the names of her close relatives: mother – Raisa Gavva and husband – Sergey Sklyuev. Gritskevich helped to arrange plots. In addition to that investigators found about 100 other facts of similar thefts. Their investigation has been severed into a separate lawsuit and will be continued.

Besides, following the results of the investigation the Russia's Investigative Committee forwarded into the Russia's Ministry of Culture a consideration on elimination of causes and circumstances contributing to the crime. Following the results of its review the decision was made to streamline the keeping and use of territory of historical heritage.

Thus, if not for the timely interference and firm reaction of the Investigative Committee, the whole

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of Borodino field would have been covered with roads and parking lots. Instead of monuments for heroes of the Borodino there would have been built ugly cottages symbolizing bad taste of nouveaux riches, greed and corruption of officials, the ones like Sklyueva.

The court has sentenced Sklyueva to 5 years in a minimum-security correctional facility. In addition she was sentenced to a fine of 500 thousand rubles. Sklyueva's husband and mother Raisa Gavva were sentenced to 2 years of jail each, real estate agent Alexander Gritskevich got 3 years suspended. These people were also deprived of the right to take administrative positions during several years, and were fined as well.

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