## Investigation of criminal case against Deputy Head of Yekaterinburg Viktor Konteyev and 16 of his accomplices

The Ural Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has completed investigation of a criminal case against Deputy Head of Yekaterinburg Viktor Konteyev. He is charged with crimes under paragraphs "b" and "c" of part 5 of article 290 (bribery-taking on a grand scale associated with extortion), paragraphs "a", "g" and "h" of part 2 of article 105 (murder of two persons committed by an organized group), paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 3 of article 163 (extortion), part 3 of article 174.1 of the RF Criminal Code (legalization of property acquired as a result of offences).

In all, there are 17 persons under investigation in this case. Each of them, depending on the role, is charged with the same crimes.

According to investigators, in autumn 2004, Viktor Konteyev received from CEO and member of OOO "Prodovolstvennaya baza No 4" (LC) a bribe in the form of a share in the authorized capital of the enterprise – 51.28% registered in the name of his authorized representative Igor Ivanchikov. In case the stipulated share was not handed over Konteyev threatened to terminate the activity of the said company using his official position.

After that the accused started to take active part in business activity of the enterprise, which is selling fruit and vegetables, coming through a customs post in the town of Petukhovo of the Kurgan Region from Middle Asian countries.

In spring 2005 and autumn 2006, Viktor Konteyev organized murder of Andrey Volkov and Valery Khudyakov, who were interfering with deliveries of fruit and vegetables for OOO "Prodovolstvennaya baza No 4" through a customs post in Petukhovo.

Besides, in winter 2010, Konteyev extorted from Tatyana Rusina and her daughter Yelena Rusina the rest shares in the authorized capital of OOO "Prodovolstvennaya baza No 4", registering it again in the name of Ivanchikov who became owner of 100% of authorized capital of the enterprise.

After that, in 2010-2011, Konteyev with his wife Larisa Konteyeva and other individuals of his circle legalized property of OOO "Prodovolstvennaya baza No 4" by deals with shares and property of the enterprise, many real estate objects in Yekaterinburg and the Sverdlovsk region. The objects included shopping malls Belka-Market, Zavokzalny, base depot downtown Yekaterinburg with the

area of more than 45 thousand sq. meters, recreational center in the suburb of Yekaterinburg. As of today, the total cost of all this property amounts to around 1 billion rubles. As a result of illegal actions the property is now owned by Larisa Konteyeva and her close relatives.

The operative support of the investigation was carried out by officers of Sverdlovsk Region Directorate of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation and the Urals Federal District Central Directorate of Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The victims, the accused and their lawyers were informed about the end of the investing operations. In the near future the files of the criminal case will be given to them to read.

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