
In Moscow Region military financiers found guilty of stealing more than 151 million rubles

The court has recognized the evidence collected by the Strategic Rocket Forces Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former assistant commander of military unit 73736 for finance and economics – department head (chief accountant) Lieutenant Colonel Sergey Bizyukov, his deputy Captain Sergey Lobanov, accountant for cashbook operations of military unit 73736 Vera Marchuk and assistant for finance and economics of military unit 32103 Colonel Sergey Kindeyev. They were found guilty of a crime under part 4 of article 160 (misappropriation committed by an organized group under a preliminary conspiracy using their official positions and on a grand scale). The court also found Bizyukov guilty of a crime under part 2 of article 291 (bribe-giving to a functionary for the commission of known illegal inaction).

Investigation and the court have established that in the period between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2009, the supplying finance body based on the documents submitted by military unit 73736 assigned for it two times more money than was required to pay money allowances and wages. Monthly “extra” money Marchuk despite the fact that there were no vouchers gave to Bizyukov from the cash desk of the military unit. Then Lobanov and Kindeyev put into the 1C-Bookkeeping false information on expenditure of the money. The most of the money Bizyukov kept to himself giving the other members of the group some money if needed.

During the audit in military unit 73736 former Chief of Finance and Economic Inspectorate of military unit 32103 Reserve Major Mikhail Lebedev revealed double-entry book-keeping, but for a certain fee agreed to conceal the information. In all, over 3 years Bizyukov gave to the inspector as a bribe 1.9 million rubles.

Before the trial 4.3 million rubles were returned to the state voluntarily. To secure the action Bizyukov's property was arrested.

The Krasnozyamensky Garrison Military Court sentenced Bizyukov and Marchuk to 12 and 5 years respectively in a minimum-security correctional facility and a fine of 950 and 700 thousand rubles respectively. Lobanov and Kindeyev were sentenced to 5 years in prison suspended with 4 years on probation and a fine of 700 thousand rubles.

In addition the court satisfied in full civil action of military unit 73736 and ruled to recover from the

convicts in respective order, taking into account the voluntarily returned money, more than 146 million rubles.

Earlier the 3rd District Military Court found Lebedev guilty of a crime under paragraph “d” of part 4 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code (bribe-taking on a large scale) and sentenced him to 5 years in prison suspended with 4 years on probation and a fine of 800 thousand rubles.

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