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## **Officials of Moscow Region Main Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs suspected of taking a bribe of 1 million US dollars**



Moscow investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case against to police operatives of investigation and search division No. 1 of Economic Security and Ant-Corruption Department of the Moscow Region Main Directorate of the Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs charged with a crime under part 6 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code (bribe-taking by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy and on an especially large scale) and a Moscow resident charged with mediation in taking a bribe on an especially large scale (part 4 of article 291-1 of the RF Criminal Code).

In June 2012, officials of investigation and search division No. 1 of Economic Security and Ant-Corruption Department of the Moscow Region Main Directorate of the Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs seized from warehouses in the town of Mytishchi almost 20 thousand boxes with shoes worth

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totally about 35 million rubles and owned by businessmen from Chinese People's Republic. The policemen demanded a fee for returning the seized goods, which should have been given through a mediator. On 11 September 2012, during investigating and search operations the mediator was detained in a café in Mytishchi while receiving a bribe of 1 million 200 thousand rubles. Police major, senior police operative of investigation and search division No. 1 of Economic Security and Ant-Corruption Department of the Moscow Region Main Directorate of the Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs and later his accomplice – lieutenant colonel were held in the process of operational experiment, at the moment of taking a bribe.

As investigators have established this was the last fee for returning the goods. In all, for returning the goods and no prosecution the policemen demanded a fee of 1 million US dollars. On 21 and 22 July 2012, the mediator received from the owner of the goods the money meant for the policemen – 350 and 150 thousand US dollars respectively, and in the period between 24 and 25 July 2012 – another 500 thousand US dollars. After that he gave them to the accomplices – major and lieutenant colonel of police. After the money had been received, the policemen returned a part of the seized goods – no fewer than 13 thousand boxes to warehouses.

One more criminal case was initiated against the policemen over signs of a crime under part 6 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code (bribe-taking by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy and on an especially large scale). The mediator is also additionally charged with a crime under part 4 of article 291.1 of the RF Criminal Code (mediation in taking a bribe on an especially large scale).

The policemen were placed into custody as a pre-trial restraining measure.

Investigation is to be continued. Investigating operations are underway to establish involvement of other people from Economic Security and Ant-Corruption Department of the Moscow Region Main Directorate of the Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The Investigative Committee of Russia will go on with carrying out purposeful work on or revealing and preventing corruption in state and law enforcement bodies. Each fact of corruption will be given tough legal treatment despite positions, ranks and merits of officials, who violate the Law.

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