
In Khabarovsk Territory CEO of commercial organization charged with violation of navigation rules entailing wreck of dry cargo vessel Amurskaya in the Sea of Okhotsk



Investigating bodies of the Far Eastern Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have charged Alexander Shiltsin, CEO of OAO Nikolayevsky-on-Amur Sea Port (OJSC), which owned the dry cargo vessel Amurskaya, with a crime under part 3 of article 263 of the RF Criminal Code (violation of the rules for traffic safety and operation of sea transport entailing by negligence the death of two or more persons).

According to investigators, on the direct order of the CEO the ship Amurskaya set off for the port Kiran to load gold ore in early October 2012. The accused surely knew that the loading of the raw materials was fulfilled with violations of the rules for transporting dangerous cargo and that weather

did not allow the ship to sail. However, he personally gave an order for the ship to follow in the Sea of Okhotsk. Gross violations of sea navigation requirements lead to wreck of the dry cargo ship. The investigators have information that transportation of ore by the vessels owned by OAO Nikolayevsky-on-Amur Sea Port was systematically fulfilled with violations of rules for safe traffic and operation of sea transport.

In addition investigators of the Far Eastern Transport Investigations Directorate as part of investigation of a criminal case which was initiated earlier have found that the accused was involved in a crime under part 3 of article 294 of the RF Criminal Code (obstruction of preliminary investigation using official position).

In September 2012, transport investigating bodies of the Russia's Ministry of Internal Affairs in the process of a preliminary investigation made a decision to seize two barges owned by OAO Nikolayevsky-on-Amur Sea Port and to transfer them to safe custody to another transport enterprise. The accused using his official position and interfering in the investigator's activity, gave his subordinates an order to not to let the seized vessels from waters of Nikolayevsky-on-Amur port and create obstacles during their transportation.

Today divers found Amurskaya dry cargo ship at the bottom of the Sea of Okhotsk.

Investigation has filed a motion requesting to place the accused into custody as a pre-trial restraining measure.

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