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## **In Vologda Region final charges brought against former deputy head of correctional facility from which a convict escaped**



The Vologda Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have charged Deputy Head for Security and Operational Work of correctional facility-17 of the Russia's Penitentiary Service Directorate for the Vologda Region Alexander Belolikhov with abuse of official powers (part 1 of article 285) and bribe-taking for illegal actions (part 3 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code - 6 crimes).

According to investigators, the accused in May 2011, for a bribe of 10 thousand rubles, using his official duties against interests of service, insisted that administrative committee of correctional facility should have made a decision to drop the convict Aleksey Ahestakov from the roster of persons prone to escape. In the period between 2010-2011 for knowingly illegal easing of imprisonment, Belolikhov received from Shestakov a bribe of property (jalousie, sportswear and boxing articles) worth over 16 thousand rubles. As a result of loosened imprisonment the convict resided in the gym of the correctional facility, separated from other convicts, and had opportunity to freely use a cellphone and mobile Internet connection, to sell lighters and alcoholic drinks in the

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correctional facility and organized his prison break and escaped.

In addition, in 2009-2010, the accused on the request of three convicts did not take measures to take their cellphones from them, the use of which in the territory of the correctional facility is prohibited, taking a bribe of property. At a gas station and in his office he received a washing machine worth 10 thousand rubles from one of the convicts, a watch worth 8 thousand rubles from the other and property worth about 57 thousand rubles: a dummy for boxing, golden chain and digital video camera from the third one.

Besides, in September 2009, the accused received a bribe from another convict in the form of goldware which he later sold for 8 thousand rubles, providing the convict with a chance for a long visit, for which the latter had no right.

At present investigating and procedural operations are underway to complete investigation.

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