

Circle of suspects in case over swindling with state property of Ministry of Defense might broaden in short time



Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee in the process of preliminary investigation over five criminal cases launched over swindling with and selling of real estates, land and shares owned by OAO Oboronservis (OJSC) – an organization subordinate to Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, has concluded that the said crimes had been committed by the same people and accordingly to ensure completeness and comprehensiveness of the investigation the above mentioned cases were filed into a single lawsuit. Now the criminal case is being investigated over signs of crimes under 159, 285, 286 and 201 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling, abuse of official powers, exceeding official powers and abuse of powers).

So far there are two suspects: Yekaterina Smetanova, a former CEO of Center of Legal Support “Expert”, companies Mira and VitaProject and Maksim Zakutailo, a former CEO of District Material Warehouse of Moscow District Air Forces and Air Defense. In the near future investigators are going to charge them. But the circle of suspects in this celebrated case is, of course, not ultimate. Somebody of the persons involved in the investigation might change their procedural status from a witness to a suspect. In addition the list of property of Ministry of Defense, which was sold to affiliated structures by frauds, will most likely be extended as well.

At present active procedural operations are underway: interrogations, seizures and other necessary investigating and search operations, which are taking place in Property Relations Department of the Ministry of Defense, and in affiliated and subsidiary enterprises of Oboronservis located in Moscow. Besides investigating operations are carried out in Saint-Petersburg, the Moscow Region and the Krasnodar Territory. It should be noted that during preliminary investigation due interaction was set up with the senior officials of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation.

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