
Four people charged with negligence in the case over death of people in Krymsk



The Southern Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has charged former Head of municipal entity Krymsk district Vasili Krutko, Head of Krymsk urban settlement Vladimir Ulanovsky, former head of Nizhnebakansky rural settlement Irina Ryabchenko, Acting head of municipal state-funded institution "Office for emergency management and civil protection of municipal entity Krymsk district" Viktor Zhdanov. Krutko, Ulanovsky and Ryabchenko are charged with an official forgery (part 2 of article 292 of the RF Criminal Code) and negligence (part 3 of article 293 of the RF Criminal Code), Zhdanov – with negligence and attempted swindling (part 3 of article 293, part 3 of article 30, part 3 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code).

According to investigators, Krutko, Ulanovsky, Ryabchenko and Zhdanov, knowing about possible natural disaster coming to Krymsk district of the Krasnodar Territory, did not ensure necessary warning and evacuation of the people to safety. The accused did not take any measures to prevent or minimize the possible damage inflicted by the disaster. This caused 153 people were killed, two are missing and 5 local people were seriously injured during a disaster at night of 7 July 2012.

In addition Krutko, Ulanovsky and Ryabchenko gave instructions to their subordinates to prepare official documents containing false information that they had allegedly made everything in time. Namely, the document registered the fact that the emergency situations and fire safety commission, member of which the accused had been, had had a meeting, that they had declared the emergency state and set corresponding tasks, had warned and saved people. The documents were registered post factum on 6 July 2012.

Zhdanov is also charged with attempted swindling in making documents for lump sum payouts to the people affected by the disaster. Investigators believe that the accused put his address in a list of houses damaged by the floods, which had been made by his subordinates. Zhdanov, however, knew that his house was not only under threat, but wasn't even in the zone of the flood. Despite this fact, he and four members of his family were out in the list of people affected by the floods and claimed 50 thousand rubles of material assistance. Investigators stopped this fraud in time.

At present the accused Krutko, Ulanovsky, and Zhdanov are under arrest, Ryapchenko is under a written undertaking not to leave the place. Investigation of the criminal case is on the final stage.

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