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## **Former and incumbent police officers found guilty of exceeding powers and forgery in Tatarstan**

The court has found the evidence gathered by the investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former operative agent of the Office of Economic Security and Anti-Corruption Operations of the office of Interior Ministry in Almetyevsky district 24-year-old Stanislav Bolshakov and dismissed operative agent of the Office of Economic Security and Anti-Corruption Operations of the office of Interior Ministry in Almetyevsky district 28-year-old Semyon Dolgov. They were found guilty of crimes under [art 1 of article 286 of the RF Penal Code (exceeding official powers) and part 2 of article 292 (forgery committed by an official).

The investigation and the court have found that on 21 February 2013, on Prospekt Stroiteley in the town of Almetyevsk the police officers found a computer center, where gambling was organized using special gambling equipment and the Internet. In order to improve their rates and to get writing materials, Bilshakov and Dolgov agreed with the actual organizer of gambling that another person would be prosecuted for administrative violation. For that they put false information into the agreement stating that the man's acquaintance serving prison term was the leaseholder of the center.

In addition, the police officers agreed to deliver in the center old computers, so that later they could confiscate them instead of the equipment used by the center. Bolshakov put down in his report that the equipment had been seized.

The next day the officers made a report on administrative violation committed by the woman in prison. They asked the culprit to bring to the police station another of his acquaintances, who then signed the documents on behalf of the sham leaseholder. The woman also wrote an explanation on her behalf.

As a result, a magistrate ruled to prosecute the woman for administrative violation and fined her 3 thousand rubles with confiscation of the equipment for gambling, which in fact was not confiscated. In August this judicial decision was cancelled and dropped.

The court has sentenced Bolshakov to a suspended 2-year prison term and Dolgov to a suspended 2.5 year-prison term. In addition, both of them were banned from occupying certain position for 2 years.

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