
A lawyer accused of attempted fraud on an especially large scale in Moscow



Investigating bodies of the Moscow Central Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched a criminal investigation against Nagina Salikhova, a lawyer in one of the Moscow board of lawyers. She is charged with a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (attempted swindling on an especially large scale).

According to investigators, Salikhova got information from the Internet that the Moscow Region Arbitrage was listening to a case over an action of a commercial company vs. a bank and contact details of the lawyer representing the plaintiff. Having decided to make the best of the situation and steal the money of the commercial organization, Salikhova contacted the plaintiff's lawyer and arranged a meeting. She deceived the lawyer by saying that for 100 thousand US dollars she could assist in arbitrage by passing the bribe on to the judge. The accused recognized that she had no

opportunity to influence the arbitrage or the decision of the judge in this case. Later she reduced the sum to 80 thousand US dollars. On 29 November 2012, the lawyer Salikhanova was detained by the operative agents of the Federal Security Service immediately after she had received the money from her colleague.

At present investigating actions are underway to consolidate evidence. The issue on placing the accused in the custody is being discussed. Investigation is to be continued.

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