
Criminal proceedings launched in Moscow against officials of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia



Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has launched criminal proceedings against Deputy Head of Department of Economic Security at the facilities of institutions and bodies of the Penitentiary Service Directorate Alexander Tyurin and senior operative police agent of the same department Igor Fomenko and other persons over signs of a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (attempted swindling committed by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy and on an especially large scale).

According to investigators, Tyurin and Fomenko while auditing finance-economic and production activity of Samara branch of federal state unitary enterprise Center of Information-Technical Provision and Communications (CITPC) of the Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, discovered financial violations in manufacturing electronic monitoring systems (so-called "electronic bracelets") and unreasonable inflation of their price. Tyurin and Fomenko decided to use this information in their own interests and started demanding from CEO of the commercial organization 2 million euros or 80 million rubles promising to prevent annulment of the contract on electronic bracelets

production. But in reality they did not have any capability to influence the decision on annulment or continuation of the contract. When the CEO had agreed to give 40 million rubles, Tyurin involved as mediators his relative Filipp Petrunin and acquaintance of his Anatoly Suvorov. The CEO gave the said sum to Petrunin in a café in one of shopping malls in Moscow on 4 October 2012.

Later on the abovementioned persons continued demanding from the CEO another 40 million rubles. This fact was discovered by operative agents of the Federal Security Service and Internal Security Service of Federal Penitentiary Service of Russia, who apprehended Suvorov on 18 December at the moment when he was receiving 10 million rubles. The same day operative agents managed to apprehend other accomplices to the crime, except Tyurin, who tried to escape from investigation. However he too was caught a day later.

At present under the investigators' petition Tyurin, Fomenko and Suvorov are under arrest and Petrunin is under house arrest as a pretrial restraining measure. Investigation is to be continued.

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