
Former Defense Minister summoned to be questioned in the Investigative Committee



As it was earlier reported by Vice-Chairman of the Russia's Investigative Committee – Head of Main Military Investigations Directorate Alexander Sorochkin, the investigation has to have serious grounds to question former RF Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov in the case over stealing of assets of the Russian Defense Ministry and for that investigators had to carry out a set of procedural and investigating operations. This took certain time. Now based on the results of this work investigators of the Main Military Investigations Directorate have outlined the range of questions concerning circumstances of the crimes committed in the Defense Ministry to be asked from the former RF Defense Minister.

This is why Anatoly Serdyukov has been summoned for the questioning today. However he has refused to answer questions and filed a motion to fix a different date of the questioning. Serdyukov asked to conduct questioning in the presents of his lawyer. The motion was satisfied and Serdyukov

received summons to show up for questioning on 11 January 2013. The investigators will carefully analyze the information obtained from him and will plan further investigating operations.

At present some media are spreading information that the investigation is allegedly dying out, and I can say that this is not true. In addition to the fact that many of those under investigation are cooperating with the investigation and pleading guilty, investigators together with operative agents carry on actively collecting evidence, seizures and analysis of the documents, finance and accounting audits and expert examinations and other investigating operations. I should say that it is a very large case, one proceeding unifies so far 10 criminal cases and judging from the information we have it can happen that the number will be higher. There is no talking about wrapping up the investigation. On the contrary we have a huge amount of work to do, including Slavyanka and Oboronservis. I can assure you that investigators will take necessary measures to find out all the circumstances of the crimes and to bring to justice all persons involved whatever their positions.

Head of Directorate V.I. Markin

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