
Former chairman of Volgograd Region government admitted many millions of bribe and gave the money to investigators



The Volgograd Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case against deputy chairman of Volgograd Region government Pavel Krupnov and his associates – CEO of state institution Construction and Capital Repair Directorate Igor Pimkin and his deputy Aleksey Kramarenko. They are charged with a crime under part 6 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code (bribery-taking on an especially large scale).

Krupnov supervised issues of activity of the Volgograd Region Ministry of Public Health, including control over efficiency of implementation of healthcare upgrade program for 2011-2012. One of the priorities of the program was a capital repair in the Volgograd Region oncological clinic. However Krupnov decided to make profit out of health and comfort of the patients in the oncological clinic. Investigators found that Krupnov's scheme was very simple. He gave instructions to the CEO of state

institution Directorate for Construction and Capital Repair Igor Pimkin and his deputy Aleksey Kramarenko to find a construction firm which would agree to give away 10 % as a kickback from a 170 million state contract. Within a short period of time they found such a firm. On Krupnov's instructions the contract was concluded with the firm in July 2012 and the official almost at once received a bribe of 17 million rubles. The contract execution time was strictly stipulated as 31 October 2012. However the work is still underway in the oncological clinic, which of course has negative effect on the quality of the medical services and conditions in which the patients stay in the clinic.

Under the investigators' motion Krupnov was placed into custody as a pretrial restraining measure. He was dismissed. Pimkin and Kramarenko have already pleaded guilty, they are charged with a crime under part 6 of article 290 of the RF Criminal Code (bribery-taking on an especially large scale). At present the former official is cooperating with the investigation. He has pleaded guilty and gave investigators the money he received as a bribe.

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