
In Moscow businessman convicted of not returning foreign currency from abroad

A court has found the evidence gathered by Moscow Interregional Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee to convict Vitaly Laptev, 45, CEO of a commercial organization in Moscow. He was found guilty of a crime under article 193 of the RF penal Code (not returning of funds from abroad in foreign currency by head of an organization).

The court and investigators have found that in August 2011 Laptev registered a sham firm and became its CEO to commit crimes connected with fictitious financial transactions. Then he concluded a fictitious contract on supply of expensive goods with a foreign company and after that opened a currency transaction report form in a Russian bank. In 2012 under the fictitious contract and an additional agreement to it, goods were transferred through Mozhaisk customs to the address of the sham firm and were released in free circulation. After that Laptev deliberately submitted to the bank a declaration with knowingly false information on the goods and their cost, to evade the duty to return over 10 billion rubles in foreign currency which was transferred abroad without any reasonable ground and under the legislation of the Russian Federation subject to be transferred to the accounts at the authorized bank. During the investigation it was found that the goods registered at Mozhaisk customs had not been brought in in fact. Laptev has fully admitted his guilt in the illegal financial transactions, which allowed withdrawal of large sums of money through his firm, and asked the court of a special trial.

The court has sentenced Laptev to a fine of 75 thousand rubles.

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