
In St. Petersburg members of organized group detained for VAT fraud

Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has detained Svetlana Borisova, 44, Yelena Serebryakova, 49, inspector of office No 22 of the Federal Taxation Service Lyubov Prigun and local man Viktor Lavrentyuk on suspicions of a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud).

According to investigators, between 1 and 22 October 2012 CEO of OOO Audit Serebryakova and Borisova, an accountant of the firm conspired with Prigun and Lavrentyuk and submitted to office No 22 of the Federal Taxation Service a VAT return for 3rd quarter of 2012 containing knowingly false information on the sums of the tax subject to deduction under a fictitious supply agreement. After that with the help of Prigun they received the right to have the VAT returned on an especially massive scale.

The detainees have been charged, Borisova and Serebryakova are in custody. The rest accomplices have other restraints.

Investigating operations are underway to establish other possible facts of criminal activity of the suspects and possible involvement to it of other officials of the tax office. Investigation is ongoing.

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