In Moscow former employee of investigations department of Russian Interior Ministry to stand trial for attempted massive fraud

The investigating bodies of Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case against former head of international cooperation office of information and analysis directorate of Investigations Department of the Russian Interior Ministry Alexander Krokhmal. He is charged with a crime under part 3 of article 30 – part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (attempted fraud on an especially massive scale).

According to investigators in early July 2013 former CEO of a commercial company informed Krokhmal that officers of economic security and corruption office of the Russian Interior Ministry were checking his company and request economic documents. During meetings with the businessman Krokhmal offered him to assist in stopping the checkup and in issuing warrant refusing to launch criminal investigation. Krokhmal wanted 500 thousand US dollars for his services explaining that the money would be given to his colleagues involved in the check. In fact the accused was not going to do anything in the interest of the businessman counting to steal the money. The CEO had to agree. On 18 July he gave a part of the sum of 150 thousand US dollars to an acquaintance of Krokhmal's, which was used as an intermediary, without knowing about Krokhmal's criminal intentions. After the money had been passed, Krokhmal was detained by officers of the Russian Federal Security Service in a café in Moscow.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, therefore, the criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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