
In Voronezh former magistrate put on trial for complicity in fraud and abuse of authority

The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Voronezh Region have finished investigating a criminal case against a former magistrate of magistracy No 1 in Ternovka District. Voronezh Region charged with a crime under part 5 of article 33, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (complicity in fraud), part 1 of article 286 (abuse of authority).

Investigators have found that in March 2009, Albert Chernykh, who before that had been a chairman of collective farm Zarechinsky in Ternovka District, Voronezh Region, knowing that after the bankruptcy procedure was complete, the lands, which earlier had been used by the said farm, became state property managed by the administration of Ternovka district, asked the magistrate, who was an acquaintance of his, to make a ruling recognizing him the owner of a property of 115 ha. Chernykh told the magistrate that the Zarechny farm had allegedly sold the property to him. The magistrate violated civil procedure laws when without accepting a statement of claim from Chernykh, without a hearing, without noticing the parties concerned, she signed the ruling and attached an official stamp to it. After that the ruling was passed to Chernykh. The ruling became a base for forming the property and registering Chernykh's ownership on the property with the market price of over 1 million 400 thousand rubles.

In September 2012, Chernykh was convicted of a fraud on a very large scale and received a suspended sentence of 5 years and a fine of 500 thousand rubles to the state. The same court ruled that registering office to eliminate Chernykh's ownership from registers.

The magistrate got stripped of her status in 2010, when her authority term was not extended. During the preliminary investigation she admitted her guilt in full.

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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