Criminal investigation launched in Moscow against high-ranking officials of Central Customs Office of the Federal Customs Service

Moscow Inter-Regional Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has launched a criminal case against deputy head of logistics service of Central Customs Office of the Federal Customs Service Sergey Vostrikov and head of finance and accounting service of the same body Svetlana Ignatova. They are suspected of attempt to give a bribe on an especially large scale (part 3 of article 30, part5 of article 291 of the RF Criminal Code). The illegal activity of the abovementioned persons was stopped by the Investigative Committee jointly with the RF Chamber of Accounts and Federal Security Service.

According to investigators, during a comprehensive check at the Central Customs Office of the Federal Customs Service the RF Chamber of Accounts found a lot of violations while executing state contracts. No later than 7 March 2013, Vostrikov and Ignatova entered a criminal conspiracy to give a bribe to a representative of the Chamber of Accounts checking the Office for his not including the revealed violations in the statement. To implement his criminal intention Vostrikov on 11 March 2013 entered the office of the representative of the Chamber of Accounts and in person gave him a bribe of 3 million rubles, which is an especially large amount. The perpetrators could not finish their crime by reasons independent of their will, as the fact of bribery was controlled by the staff of the Federal Security Service.

Both suspects were detained as per article 91 of the RF Criminal procedure Code. At present the suspects and witnesses are being questioned, and other investigating operations are underway to find all the circumstances of the crime. Investigation is to be continued.

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