
Criminal case over death of people in floods in Krymsk, Krasnodar Territory in 2012 forwarded to court



The Southern Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against former Head of municipal entity Krymsk district Vasili Krutko, Head of Krymsk urban settlement Vladimir Ulanovsky, former head of Nizhnebakansky rural settlement Irina Ryabchenko, Acting head of municipal state-funded institution "Office for emergency management and civil protection of municipal entity Krymsk district" Viktor Zhdanov. Depending on the role of each one, they are charged with an official forgery (part 2 of article 292 of the RF Criminal Code), negligence (part 3 of article 293) and negligence and attempted swindling when receiving the payouts (part 3 of article 293, part 3 of article 30, part 3 of article 159.2 of the RF Criminal Code).

According to investigators, Krutko, Ulanovsky, Ryabchenko and Zhdanov, knowing about possible

natural disaster coming to Krymsk district of the Krasnodar Territory, did not ensure necessary warning and evacuation of the people to safety. The accused did not take any measures to prevent or minimize the possible damage inflicted by the disaster. This resulted in the fact that 153 people were killed, two are missing and 5 local people were seriously injured during a disaster at night of 7 July 2012.

In addition Krutko, Ulanovsky and Ryabchenko gave instructions to their subordinates to prepare official documents containing false information that they had allegedly made everything in time. Namely, the document registered the fact that the emergency situations and fire safety commission, member of which the accused had been, had had a meeting, that they had declared the emergency state and set corresponding tasks, had warned and saved people. The documents were registered post factum on 6 July 2012.

Zhdanov is also charged with attempted swindling in making documents for lump sum payouts to the people affected by the disaster. Investigators believe that the accused put his address in a list of houses damaged by the floods, which had been made by his subordinates. Zhdanov, however, knew that his house was not only under threat, but wasn't even in the zone of the flood. Despite this fact, he and four members of his family were out in the list of people affected by the floods and claimed 50 thousand rubles of material assistance. Investigators stopped this fraud in time.

Investigators have collected enough evidence and the case with the approved indictment has been forwarded to court to be tried on the merits.

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