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## **Deputy Minister for territorial development, architecture and town building in Rostov Region suspected of exceeding official powers**



Southern Federal District investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched criminal proceedings against deputy minister for territorial development, architecture and town building of Rostov Region – chief architect of Rostov Region Alexey Polyansky. He is suspected of a crime under part 1 of article 286 of the RF Criminal Code (exceeding official powers).

In the period between 1 April 2004 and 19 January 2011 Polyansky was chief architect of the city – director of municipal institution Department of architecture and town building of Rostov-on-Don. He regulated the town building, reconciled state, public and private interests in the area of town building; organized preparing the project on amending land use and building rules, prepared documents to issue permit to conditionally allowed kind of using the land or object of capital building, organized preparing and holding public hearings on building. Polyansky also provided preparing orders determining kind of using lands. According to investigators the suspect, ignoring the fact that the lands were in the zone of natural landscapes, on 23 December 2010, in Department of architecture and town building of Rostov-on-Don illegally issued an order establishing kind of

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allowed use “for gardening” for 22 land pieces with a total area of 1.65 ha with cadaster cost of 16 million 910 thousand 520 rubles and owned by the municipality.

The said actions by Polyansky entailed the fact that those lands were illegally put on cadaster register and were subject to advantageous privatization at price 10 rubles for 1 square meter and were seized from the municipal property.

At present investigating and other operations are underway to find all the circumstances of the crime. Investigation is ongoing.

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