
Two accused of fraudulent stealing over 145 million rubles from OAO ZiO-Podolsk owned by Rosatom state corporation to stand trial in Saint-Petersburg



Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against Sergey Shutov and Olga Fyodorova accused of fraudulent stealing of more than 145 million rubles from OAO ZiO-Podolsk (OJSC) owned by Rosatom state corporation (part 4 of article 159 of the RF criminal Code).

According to investigators, in the period between March and July 2008, the general manager of OAO Atom-Industria (OJSC) Dmitry Golubev, marketing director of OAO Atom-Industria Fyodorova, procurement director of ZiO-Podolsk Shutov, acting together with unknown individuals as an organized group supplied ZiO-Podolsk with manufactured in Ukraine sheet products for heat and power engineering equipment at a price inflated by them by more than 2.5 times. The members of the organized group substituted the expensive products with cheaper ones and concealed from ZiO-Podolsk the information that they had been made in Ukraine, for which they forged the product quality certificates and wiped out the initial identification marks.

The accused transferred the stolen money to the accounts of phony firms controlled by them and then spent on their own needs. Sergey Shutov, the procurement director of ZiO-Podolsk got 30 million rubles as his share in the fraud.

Dmitry Golubev escaped from investigators and was put on an international wanted list in November 2011, therefore the court in absentia ruled to place him in custody. Shutov has been in custody since December 2011. Fyodorova has been under a house arrest since the same time. Despite rather strict restraint Fyodorova and her accomplices, including Golubev, went on pressuring the witnesses and tried to undermine the investigation by other ways. In addition, Fyodorova systematically violated the house arrest, she went to holiday spots and restaurants, which was pictured by cameras and recorded on video. In this view, investigators asked the court to change the restraint to the custody, which was done in June 2012.

Later the investigators together with Criminal Detection Main Office of the Russian Interior Ministry and Economic Security and Anti-Corruption Main Directorate of the Russian Interior Ministry found Golubev's whereabouts, who was apprehended in the town of Odessa, Ukraine in August 2012. The Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office has granted his extradition and at the moment investigators are waiting for him to be extradited.

During the probe investigators have collected enough evidence proving the guilt of the accused. It includes email letters of the accused about purchasing of sheet products, artificially inflated prices, exchange of details of phony firms for the stolen money to be transferred, accounts of witnesses, conclusions of forensic expert examinations on identification marks forged by the instruments seized from Atom-Industria, bank account statements of Atom-Industria and phony firms, records of double book-keeping, text messages and witnesses' testimonies about paying shares of the stolen money in cash to Fyodorova, transfer of funds to the accounts of Shutov's phony firms and their cash out, results of phone tapping.

The case against Fyodorova and Shutov with the approved indictment has been sent to the court to be tried on the merits.

Preliminary investigation against Golubev and unknown individuals is under way.

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