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## Former military financiers in Rostov-on-Don charged with 150 million rubles fraud



Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee in Southern military district has charged two former leading economists (in charge of paying wages to personnel) of Department of Financial Provision of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Adygea Amir Salakhanov and Alexey Pronin of crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling on an especially large scale).

It has been found that in summer 2011 Salakhanov kept to himself plastic bank cards with PIN-codes intended for 252 conscripts of the military unit 64670. Later based on made by him fictitious pay lists the state transferred to the said bank cards more than 137 million rubles, which Salakhanov cashed and misappropriated. When he had learnt that there was a criminal investigation into that, he fled and was caught only in May 2013. After having been apprehended Salakhanov confessed to the

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crime and compensated about 2.5 million rubles, explaining that he kept the rest of the money in a bag that had been stolen from him. Court granted a request of a military investigation to place Salakhanov in custody.

In addition, the preliminary investigation has found that in December 2011 Alexey Pronin illegally using bank cards of the retired officers of military unit 55030, made forged documents, based on which the state transferred to the cards more than 13 million rubles, which Pronin cashed and misappropriated.

Pronin pleaded guilty and compensated 500 thousand rubles of his own accord explaining that he had spent the rest on his own needs. Preliminary investigation is underway.

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