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## Chief accountant and former CEO of enterprise owned by Ministry of Defense arrested in Moscow



Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has launched a criminal investigation against former CEO of Saint-Petersburg engineering and technical center of the Russian Ministry of Defense Valery Sedov and its chief accountant Irina Petukhova. They are suspected of crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling on an especially large scale) and part 4 of article 160 (misappropriation and embezzlement on an especially large scale).

According to investigators, in 2010, the center concluded with a lending facility an agreement on a bank guarantee to secure obligations under a state contract (before 28 May 2010 the CEO of the center was Valery Puzikov). In the guise of a fee for the service the leadership of the center transferred to the account of the bank, and in fact to the account of OOO Stroy-Resurs (LLC), which had nothing to do with the agreement, more than 10.2 million rubles. Later the said money was transferred to the accounts of other commercial organizations, cashed and stolen.

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The same year the center transferred over 1.1 million rubles to the settlement account of OOO Tekhtsentr allegedly for the renting a Toyota Land Cruiser. In fact this car could not have been rented as the number plate in the lease contract were turned in and destroyed in 2008.

In addition Sedov, exceeding his official powers, several times issued orders to pay himself bonuses and inflicted the state damage of more than 2 million rubles.

Petukhova helped her friend's daughter to take the position of secretary-referent. Despite the fact, that the young woman was a full-time student and did not come to work, the center in the period between September 2009 to August 2012 transferred to her bankcard her wage and bonuses of more than 1.5 million rubles.

Taking into consideration that investigators have evidence that Sedov and Petukhova during the investigation took steps to conceal objects and documents relevant for the investigation and tried to persuade people to give false evidence the investigators have requested the court to place the suspects into custody. The court has granted the request today.

The criminal case has been filed into one law suit with the case opened earlier against officials of the Russian Ministry of Defense, Car Base of the Ministry of Defense, Military unit 83466 and Saint-Petersburg Information Technologies Center of the Ministry of Defense concerning violations in conclusion and implementation of state contracts on providing military control bodies with motor vehicles in different cities of the country containing signs of a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Criminal Code (swindling on an especially large scale).

Investigation is carried on.

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