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## **New charges brought against accused of stealing from Defense Ministry**



In the process of investigation of the Oboronservis criminal case the Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has brought new charges against former director of Property Relations Department of the Russian Ministry of Defense Yevgeniya Vasilyeva. She is charged with 12 counts of crimes under articles 159, 174.1, 285, 286 of the RF Penal Code (swindling; money and property laundering; exceeding and abuse of official powers).

The investigators have evidence that Vasilyeva has had a hand in selling state property, including at underrated price, among the sold property was a compound of buildings in Smolensky Boulevard in the center of Moscow, one of the buildings of Moscow defense ministry retail shop in Serpukhovskaya Street, the building of trade office of Moscow military district in Serpukhovskaya Street, as well as large pieces of lands and shares of stock.

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Thanks to efforts of the investigators shares of OAO 31<sup>st</sup> State Institute of Special Construction OJSC have been returned to the state. The investigators have also taken measures for further reimbursement of loss. For that purpose they have arrested the real estate of the accused, more than 1,000 pieces of jewelry weighing a total of 19 kilos. The experts counted in the jewelry 57 thousand of diamonds, rubies and emeralds. In addition they have arrested a collection of expensive watches worth over 7 million rubles. According to the experts the total cost of the watches and jewelry is over 126 million rubles. By the way, among the arrested property there is a collection of pictures, which the accused, being sure that she had profound knowledge in arts, had purchased as masterpieces of world painting. However, the art expert examination fixed by the investigators after the paintings had been arrested, has found that they have no artistic value and to put it simply are just cheaply-made fakes.

In addition, the military investigators have brought charges against the head of legal advice center Expert Yekaterina Smetanova, former CEO of District Material Storehouse of Armed Forces Moscow District Maksim Zakutaylo, CEO of the Mira company Dinara Bilyalova, CEO of Oboronstroy Larisa Yegorina, CEO of OAO 31<sup>st</sup> State Institute of Special Construction Yuri Grekhnyov, and Irina Yegorova, who helped to cash the stolen money. To steal the money from the sale of state property there was a whole chain of firms affiliated by Vasilyeva.

At the same time the investigators carry on investigating over another 20 similar crimes, where a lot of officials, high-ranking among them, are involved.

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