
Investigation finished in Moscow against staff of Sberbank of Russia charged with attempted commercial bribery



The Central Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against deputy director problem assets department of Sberbank of Russia Vyacheslav Pokhlebin, acting director of legal persons' problem assets department of Srednerussky bank of Sberbank of Russia Pavel Konik and Denis Vasekha. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with a crime under part 3 of article 30, paragraph "a" of part 4 of article 204 of the RF Penal Code (attempted commercial bribery).

According to the investigation, in June 2012 Pokhlebin and Konik through mediator Vasekha attempted to take a commercial bribe of 100 million rubles in cash. In exchange they were to commit actions in the interests of a businessman, connected with taking a decision by the Committee on problem assets of Sberbank of Russia on giving up the rights to demand loans from three commercial organizations worth more than 700 million rubles to the firm controlled by the businessman for 350 million rubles. The illegal actions however were not finished as were stopped law enforcement agents.

Investigators have gathered enough evidence and the case has been forwarded for the indictment to be approved and further into court to be tried on the merits.

Earlier the court has passed sentence on one more accomplice Maria Zemtsova, who concluded a pre-trial deal with the investigation.

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