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## **Astrakhan mayor arrested today on request of investigator**



Today on the request of an investigator of the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee the court ruled to place mayor of Astrakhan in custody as a pretrial restraint. The day before during a questioning Stolyarov, suspected of the crime under part 6 of article 290 of the RF Penal Code (accepting a bribe on an especially massive scale), refused to testify using article 52 of the RF Constitution.

As it has been reported earlier, according to investigators, this October a businessman from Astrakhan appealed to Stolyarov requesting to assign him a piece of land of 3 thousand square meters in Astrakhan to construct an administrative building. Stolyarov agreed, but on condition of taking a bribe of 10 million rubles in cash and demanded to register 25% of the company's authorized capital on his principal. Stolyarov was held by the officers of the Economic Security Main Office of the Russian Interior Ministry at the moment when he was taking a bribe. After that

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the mayor was detained by the investigator of the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee.

Searches have been carried out in Astrakhan administration and Stolyarov's flat. During the searches the investigators have seized objects and documents proving the suspect's involvement in the crime. Now investigators are analyzing the seized evidence. In addition they are checking the information on the mayor's property and bank accounts. Investigation is ongoing.

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