
Infamous ex-chairman of territorial election commission in Volgograd Oleg Serenko suspected of pocketing over 65 million rubles



Volgograd Region Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee jointly with regional office of the Federal Security Service have stopped criminal activity of Oleg Serenko, former chairman of the territorial election commission in Kirovsky district, which in fact was the city election commission during the last elections of deputies in the city Duma. He is suspected of the crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (swindling on an especially massive scale).

According to investigators, in September 2012, Serenko, being a co-founder of the region's largest computer facility ООО Computer Facility for Housing and Communal Services and Fuel and Energy Balance (LLC), designed to settle accounts with people for communal services and to accept corresponding payments, designed a scheme how to steal the money received from the consumers as

payments for power supply and subject to compulsory transfer to OAO Volgogradenergosbyt (OJSC). To avert suspicions in December 2012 he sold his share in the authorized capital of the company to the controlled person, having basically resigned. However, in mid-January 2013, he ordered to hold at the settlement accounts of the company a half of the money received from the citizens. He cashed the money through fictitious contracts selling of shares in the authorized capital of the firms managed by Serenko's relatives or friends. On the order of the suspect the computer facility transferred to his personal account and the accounts of five persons controlled by Serenko 35 million 189 thousand rubles. Another 30 million rubles was stolen by the suspect by transferring the money from the settlement account of the computer facility to the account of a sham firm, with which they allegedly concluded a contract on supplying computer equipment.

Investigators have information that Serenko basically controlled activity of a number of household services management companies based in Sovetsky, Kirovsky and Krasnoarmeysky districts of Volgograd. It is notable that those are the companies that have multi-million debts to the municipality.

At present Serenko is hiding from investigators. He is wanted. The investigators believe that they will find other cases of his illegal activity and the damage to Volgogradenergosbyt will be much higher. Investigation is ongoing.

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