
In Saint-Petersburg charges pressed against businessman Mark Bronovsky and his accomplices



Today investigators of the Northwestern Federal District Investigation Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee pressed charges against the suspects of participating in a criminal community and fraud connected with illegal VAT compensation from the RF budget. This way, businessman Mark Bronovsky is charged with the crimes under part 1 of article 210, part 3 of article 30 and part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (leadership of a criminal community and attempted fraud), Lawyer Dmitry Martynchik, businessmen Konstantin Pavlenko and Igor Chernov and Dmitry Shuvanov, who has previous convictions are charged with the crimes under part 2 of article 210, part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal community and attempted fraud).

According to investigators, since 2008, members of the criminal community organized stealing of

the money by illegal compensation of VAT from the RF budget worth 4 billion rubles on behalf of 39 legal persons. To make it look like legal economic activity the members of the community used over 75 legal persons registered on nominal directors. The community had a clear structure and investigators believe that it was led by businessman Mark Bronovsky together with lawyer Alexander Shved. By now 15 members of the organized criminal community are identified. They include businessmen, accountants, attorneys and lawyers specializing in tax and customs laws and arbitrage practitioners. Other identified members are wanted and all their accomplices are being identified.

Investigators also believe that that the accused had corrupted links in law enforcement and state authorities in Saint-Petersburg. Now they are actively working on finding all corrupted links.

The accused are being checked on involvement in other similar crimes in addition to ones under investigation. To do that investigators are studying a huge amount of files and suspended criminal cases connected with illegal VAT compensation.

In the near future investigators are going to press charged against Alexander Shved and accountant Marina Shcherbakova. Investigation is ongoing

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