
Yuri Solodkin suspected of organizing criminal community for illegal bank deals



The Siberian Federal District Investigation Directorate of the Russian Investigative Committee has launched criminal proceedings against Yuri Solodkin and two local men. They are suspected of the crime under part 1 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (setting up an association of organizers, managers and other representatives of organized groups to develop plans and conditions for serious crimes). This criminal case has been filed in a single lawsuit with against members of a criminal community headed by Alexander Trunov, who are internationally wanted. Yuri Solodkin, who is also wanted, is a son of Alexander Solodkin, who headed Physical Education and Sports Department of Novosibirsk Region and who is now on trial.

According to investigators, in the period between December 2007 and February 2010, two separate organized groups were united by their leaders to form a criminal community to carry out illegal bank

deals in Novosibirsk Region. Yuri Solodkin was the leader of one of the groups. The second organized group, whose activity was suppressed in August 2013, was led by two well-known in the city top managers of an audit company. Their names are not disclosed in the interests of the investigation.

According to initial estimation, the turnover of the illegal bank in three years was over 1 billion rubles. Its clients were commercial companies of Novosibirsk including the ones controlled by the gang of Alexander Trunov, as well as state-owned budgetary institutions. The illegal bank had a wide network in the city with 10 offices and 10 people working as tellers, forwarding agents and money collectors, couriers and financial clerks. Their actions were also qualified under article 172 of the RF Penal Code holding them accountable for illegal bank deals.

Investigation is ongoing.

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