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## In St. Petersburg charges pressed against Alexander Shved



The Northwestern Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has charged lawyer Alexander Shved 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 (management of a criminal community, attempted fraud). Earlier the charges were pressed against his accomplices - businessman Mark Bronovsky, Dmitry Martynchuk, Konstantin Pavlenko, Igor Chernov and Dmitry Shuvanov.

In addition investigators have detained another person Tatyana Makarova, who previously was deputy head of an inter-district tax office in the city of Saint-Petersburg. According to investigators the woman coordinated the fraudulent scheme of stealing budgetary funds through illegal compensation of VAT. Makarova was released on bail, due to the fact that she has three small children.

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As it was earlier reported, 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.

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.

Investigation is ongoing.

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