
Nine persons put on trial for gambling and copyright infringement



The Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against Lyudmila Khudova, Ruslan Stanovov, Pavel Kozlov, Dmitry Kurenkov, Vasily Yarkov, Dmitry Panfilov, Sergey Pastyrnak, Oleg Gorkin and Nikolai Tarakanov. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 2 of article 171.2 of the RF Penal Code (illegal gambling) and paragraphs "b" and "c" of part 3 of article 146 (infringement of copyright and allied frights).

According to investigators in the period between 6 August 2011 and 24 May 2012 an organized group led by Yarkov and composed of Panfilov, Pastyrnak, Gorkin, Tarakanov and initially with participation of Khudova, Stanovov, Kozlov, Kurenkov organized 11 gambling clubs in the Moscow Region with gambling through the Internet (in the towns of Fryazino, Pushkino, Balashikha, Shchelkovo and Lobnya).

During the probe investigators have found that Yarkov, Panfilov, Pastyrnak, Gorkin, Tarakanov owned the clubs, while Khudova, Stanovov, Kozlov, Kurenkov installed to their computers software for gambling which were subject to copyright of companies Novomatic AG and OOO Igrosoft. To attract clients the accused used website www.sm-pay.com offering without notifying the rightholders on-line gambling system Win&Win including gambling software owned by Novomatik AG and OOO Igrosoft.

The total illegal profit of the organized criminal group from illegal gambling was over 110 million rubles, which is an especially massive scale, the loss of Novomatik AG and OOO Igrosoft caused by violation of their copyrights stands at over 10 million rubles, which is also an especially massive

scale.

During the initial investigation the investigators have done a tremendous amount of work including over 70 interviews of witnesses, control over telephone talks of the accused, over 20 tests (computer and technical, handwriting, phonoscopic), carried out over 20 searches in illegal gambling clubs, residences of the accused and confiscated over 200 computers and servers used for gambling, double book-keeping documents and over 1 million 600 thousand US dollars, which was criminal profit and was arrested. Those operations allowed receiving irrefutable evidence of their guilt. There were 9 defendants and 20 defenders. The case had over 70 volumes, plus the indictment of 9 volumes (over 3,500 pages).

The criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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