
In Moscow Region sentence passed on members of criminal group including law enforcement officials based on guilty verdict returned by jury



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Moscow Region Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former inspector of 3rd office Center for Consumer Market Violations and Administrative Laws of the Moscow Region Main Office of the Russian Interior Ministry Alexey Kanayev and 10 members of a criminal group he headed, 7 of whom were law enforcement officials of Lyubertsy District. Depending on the role of each one they were found guilty of crimes under article 210 of the RF Penal Code (organization of a criminal society and membership in it), article 285 (abuse of authority) and part 4 of article 159 (fraud).

The investigators and court have found that Kanayev having special expertise in revealing and suppressing crimes in the field of consumer market and stable liaison with people wholesaling, buying and storing consumer goods and some acquaintances in Moscow Region law enforcement, conspired with Stanislav Karimov, a mediator in wholesaling consumer goods, to set up a criminal society.

No later than on October 1, 2010, in the city of Moscow and Moscow Region they set up the criminal society of officials of Economic Crime Office of Lyubertsy municipality Office of the Russian Interior Ministry. The criminal organization was headed solely by Kanayev, it has a single criminal intent, its members cooperated to implement shared criminal designs, divided the roles between them and had specialized expertise in committing certain actions during the crimes.

Members of the criminal organization acted in the town of Lyubertsy and its district using their official authority by deceit and abusing trust under the pretext of revealing alleged counterfeit goods illegally confiscated from entrepreneurs and organizations consumer goods and sold them violating the laws.

In all, the criminal group caused entrepreneurs a loss of over 31 million rubles. Moreover, officers of internal security department of the Federal Security Service stopped the group's fraud worth over 7 million rubles.

The investigation of the case was complicated due to many counts and people under investigation. It should be noted that during the initial investigation investigators did a tremendous amount of work including about 150 investigating and procedural operations including about 60 questionings. The said operations made it possible to get irrefutable evidence proving the members of the criminal group guilty of the crimes. There are 40 volumes in the criminal files and 15 more are indictment.

The Moscow District Military Court the members of the criminal group have been sentenced to between suspended sentences to 15 years in prison. In addition, all of them were stripped of their military and special ranks.

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