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## **Investigative Committee presents Prosecutor General's Office with evidence of deputy Alexey Mitrofanov's involvement in attempted fraud**



The Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case opened against a businessman over an attempted fraud committed by a group of people on an especially massive scale (part 3 of article 30 and part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code).

According to investigators Alexander Derevshchikov, an assistant State Duma deputy Alexey Mitrofanov, had information that the 9<sup>th</sup> arbitration court of appeal was trying a property dispute. In spring 2012, a group of people, which beside Derevshchikov included State Duma deputy Alexey Mitrofanov, bailiff Ali Kodzoyev and Radish Sautiyev, elaborated a scheme of stealing money from

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the businessman by fraud. The members of the criminal group offered businessman Vyacheslav Zharov for 200 thousand US dollars to ensure court decision in his favor claiming that they would give the money to court officials. In fact they were not going to do anything, but steal the money. During a personal meeting Mitrofanov assured the businessman that he would be able to influence the court decision using his administrative resource. Later Sautiyev received from a businessman's authorized representative a part of the demanded sum. After that law enforcement officials stopped their wrongdoings.

During the investigation Derevshchikov and Sautiyev concluded pretrial cooperation deals and gave detailed statements on the circumstances of the crime. Court found them guilty of fraud. Ali Kodzoyev escaped the investigators and is wanted.

The evidence gathered during the investigation indicate that Alexey Mitrofanov was involved in the crime. As there is a special order of criminal proceedings against deputies of the State Duma of the RF Federal Assembly, the Investigative Committee has sent to the Prosecutor General's Office the files of the case to and a draft request on stripping Alexey Mitrofanov of deputy's immunity and consent to prosecute him.

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